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PREFACE.

The following pages contain an elementary course of study in the resistance of materials and the mechanics of beams, columns and shafts, designed for the use of classes in technical schools and colleges. It should be preceded by a good training in mathematics and theoretical mechanics, and be followed by a special study of the properties of different qualities of materials, and by detailed exercises in construction and design.

As the plan of the book is to deal mainly with the mechanics of the subject, extended tables of the results of tests on different kinds and qualities of materials are not given. The attempt, however, has been made to state average values of the quantities which express the strength and elasticity of what may be called the six principal materials. On account of the great variation of these values in different grades of the same material the wisdom of this attempt may perhaps be questioned, but the experience of the author in teaching the subject during the past eleven years has indicated that the best results are attained by forming at first a definite nucleus in the mind of the student, around which may be later grouped the multitude of facts necessary in his own particular department of study and work.

As the aim of all education should be to develop the powers of the mind rather than impart mere information, the author has endeavored not only to logically set forth the principles and theory of the subject, but to so arrange the matter that students will be encouraged and required to think for themselves. The problems which follow each article will be found

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useful for this purpose. Without the solution of many numerical exercises it is indeed scarcely possible to become well grounded in theory.

In the chapters on flexure many problems relating to **I** beams and other wrought iron shapes are presented. The subject of continuous beams is not developed to its full extent, but it is thought that enough is given for an elementary course. The resistance of columns has been treated with as much fullness as now appears practicable from a theoretical point of view. Considerable attention has been paid to combined stresses, and particularly to the combination of torsion and flexure in shafts. A new formula for the case of repeated stresses is presented, and the discussions regarding the effect of shocks and the internal work in beams are believed to be novel. The attempt has been made to render the examples, exercises, and problems of a practical nature, and also of a character to clearly illustrate the principles of the theory and the methods of investigation.

The present edition is the result of a careful revision, many alterations and additions having been made in order to render the book more efficient for class use. The answers to problems contained in the key to the first edition are here given in the appendix. All the cuts have been redrawn and several new ones inserted. Lastly, on account of the universal approbation which has been expressed concerning the author's experiment in issuing his 'Roofs and Bridges' with each alternate leaf blank, the same plan has been here adopted. On these blank pages students may record their solutions of the problems in a permanent form that will be of great value to them in subsequent practical work.

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CHAPTER I.

THE RESISTANCE AND ELASTICITY OF MATERIALS.

ARTICLE 1. AVERAGE WEIGHTS.

The principal materials used in engineering constructions are timber, brick, stone, cast iron, wrought iron, and steel. The following table gives their average unit-weights and average specific gravities.

Material.	Average Weight.		Average Specific Gravity.
	Pounds per Cubic Foot.	Kilos per Cubic Meter.	
Timber	40	600	0.6
Brick	125	2 000	2.0
Stone	160	2 560	2.6
Cast Iron	450	7 200	7.2
Wrought Iron	480	7 700	7.7
Steel	490	7 800	7.8

These weights, being mean or average values, should be carefully memorized by the student as a basis for more precise knowledge, but it must be noted that they are subject to more or less variation according to the quality of the material. Brick, for instance, may weigh as low as 100, or as high as 150 pounds per cubic foot, according as it is soft or hard pressed.

Unless otherwise stated the above average values will be used in the examples and problems of this book. In all engineering reference books are given tables showing the unit-weights for different qualities of the above six principal materials, and also for copper, lead, glass, cements, and other materials used in construction.

For computing the weights of bars, beams, and pieces of uniform cross-section, the following approximate simple rules will often be found convenient.

> A wrought iron bar one square inch in section and one
> yard long weighs ten pounds.
> Steel is about two per cent heavier than wrought iron.
> Cast iron is about six per cent lighter than wrought iron.
> Stone is about one-third the weight of wrought iron.
> Brick is about one-fourth the weight of wrought iron.
> Timber is about one-twelfth the weight of wrought iron.

For example, consider a bar of wrought iron $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ inches and 12 feet long; its cross-section is 4.5 square inches, hence its weight is $45 \times 4 = 180$ pounds. A steel bar of the same dimensions will weigh $180 + 0.02 \times 180 =$ about 184 pounds, and a cast iron bar will weigh $180 - 0.06 \times 180 =$ about 169 pounds.

By reversing the above rules the cross-sections of bars are readily computed from their weights per yard. Thus, if a stick of timber 15 feet long weigh 120 pounds, its weight per yard is 24 pounds, and its cross-section is $12 \times 2.4 =$ about 28.8 square inches.

Problem 1. How many square inches in the cross-section of a wrought iron railroad rail weighing 24 pounds per linear foot? In a steel rail? In a wooden beam?

Prob. 2. Find the weights of a wooden beam 6×8 inches in section and 13 feet long, of a steel bar one inch in diameter and 13 feet long, and of a stone block 18×24 inches and 9 feet long.

Art. 2. Stresses and Deformations.

A 'stress' is a force which acts in the interior of a body and resists the external forces which tend to change its shape.   If a weight of 400 pounds be suspended by a rope, the stress in the rope is 400 pounds.   This stress is accompanied by an elongation of the rope, which increases until the internal molecular stresses or resistances are in equilibrium with the exterior weight.   Stresses are measured in pounds, tons, or kilograms. A 'unit-stress' is the amount of stress on a unit of area; this is expressed either in pounds per square inch, or in kilograms per square centimeter.   Thus, if a rope of two square inches cross-section sustains a stress of 400 pounds, the unit-stress is 200 pounds per square inch, for the total stress must be regarded as distributed over the two square inches of cross-section.

A 'deformation' is the amount of change of shape of a body caused by the stress.   For instance, if a load be put on a column its length is shortened, and the amount of shortening is a deformation.   So in the case of the rope, the amount of elongation is a deformation.   Deformations are generally measured in inches, or centimeters.

The word 'strain' is often used in technical literature as synonymous with stress, and sometimes it is also used to designate the deformation, or change of shape.   On account of this ambiguity the word will not be employed in this book.

Three kinds of simple stress are produced by forces which tend to change the shape of a body.   They are,

> Tensile, tending to pull apart, as in a rope.
> Compressive, tending to push together, as in a column.
> Shearing, tending to cut across, as in punching a plate.

The nouns corresponding to these three adjectives are Tension, Compression, and Shear.   The stresses which occur in beams,

columns, and shafts are of a complex character, but they may always be resolved into the three kinds of simple stress. The first effect of a stress is to cause a deformation in the body. This deformation receives a special name according to the kind of stress which produces it.   Thus,

> Tension produces an elongation.
> Compression produces a shortening.
> Shear produces a detrusion.

This change of shape is resisted by the stresses between the molecules of the body, and as soon as these internal resistances balance the exterior forces the change of shape ceases and the body is in equilibrium.   But if the external forces be increased far enough the molecular resistances are finally overcome and the body breaks or ruptures.

In any case of simple stress in a body in equilibrium the total internal stresses or resistances must equal the external applied force.   Thus, in the above instance of a rope from which a weight of 400 pounds is suspended, let it be imagined to be cut at any section; then equilibrium can only be maintained by applying at that section an upward force of 400 pounds; hence the stresses in that section must also equal 400 pounds.   In general, if a steady force P produce either tension, compression, or shear, the total stress produced is also P, for if not equilibrium does not obtain.   In such cases, then, the word 'stress' may be used to designate the external force as well as the internal resistances.

Tension and Compression are similar in character but differ in regard to direction.   A tensile stress in a bar occurs when two forces of equal intensity act upon its ends, each in a direction away from the other.   In compression the direction of the forces is reversed and each acts toward the bar.   Evidently a simple tensile or compressive stress in a bar is to be regarded as evenly distributed over the area of its cross-section, so that

if P be the total stress in pounds and A the area of the cross-section in inches, the unit-stress is $\dfrac{P}{A}$ in pounds per square inch.

Shear requires the action of two forces exerted in parallel planes and very near together, like the forces in a pair of shears, from which analogy the name is derived. Here also the total shearing stress P is to be regarded as distributed uniformly over the area A, so that the unit-stress is $\dfrac{P}{A}$. And conversely if S represent the uniform unit-stress the total stress P is AS.

In any case of simple stress acting on a body let P be the total stress, A the area over which it is uniformly distributed, and S the unit-stress. Then,

$$(1) \qquad\qquad P = AS.$$

Also let λ be the total linear deformation produced by the stress, l the length of the bar, and s the deformation per unit of length. Then this deformation is to be regarded as uniformly distributed over the distance l, so that also,

$$(1)' \qquad\qquad \lambda = ls.$$

The laws implied in the statement of these two formulas are confirmed by experiment, if the stress be not too great.

Unit-stress in general will be denoted by S, whether it be tension, compression, or shear. S_t will denote tensile unit-stress, S_c compressive unit-stress, and S_s shearing unit-stress, when it is necessary to distinguish between them.

Prob. 3. A wrought iron rod $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter breaks under a tension of 67 500 pounds. Find the breaking unit-stress.

Prob. 4. If a wooden bar 1×3 inches breaks under a tensile stress of 30 000 pounds, what stress will break a bar $2 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ inches?

ART. 3.   EXPERIMENTAL LAWS.

Numerous tests or experiments have been made to ascertain the strength of materials and the laws that govern stresses and deformations. The resistance of a rope, for instance, may be investigated by suspending it from one end and applying weights to the other. As the weights are added the rope will be seen to stretch or elongate, and the amount of this deformation may be measured. When the load is made great enough the rope will break, and thus its ultimate tensile stress is known. For stone, iron, or steel, special machines, known as testing machines, have been constructed by which the effect of different stresses on different qualities and forms of materials may be accurately measured.

All experiments, and all experience, agree in establishing the five following laws for cases of simple tension and compression, which may be regarded as the fundamental principles of the science of the strength of materials.

> (*A*)—When a small stress is applied to a body a small deformation is produced, and on the removal of the stress the body springs back to its original form. For small stresses, then, materials may be regarded as perfectly elastic.
>
> (*B*)—Under small stresses the deformations are approximately proportional to the forces, or stresses, which produce them, and also approximately proportional to the length of the bar or body.
>
> (*C*)—When the stress is great enough a deformation is produced which is partly permanent, that is, the body does not spring back entirely to its original form on removal of the stress. This permanent part is termed a set. In such cases the deformations are not proportional to the stresses.

(D)—When the stress is greater still the deformation rapidly increases and the body finally ruptures.

(E)—A sudden stress, or shock, is more injurious than a steady stress or than a stress gradually applied.

The words small and great, used in stating these laws, have, as will be seen later, very different values and limits for different kinds of materials and stresses.

The 'ultimate strength' of a material under tension, compression, or shear, is the greatest unit-stress to which it can be subjected. This occurs at or shortly before rupture, and its value is very different for different materials. Thus if a bar whose cross-section is A breaks under a tensile stress P, the ultimate tensile strength of the material is $P \div A$.

Prob. 5. If the ultimate strength of wrought iron is 55 000 pounds per square inch, what tension will rupture a bar 6 feet long which weighs 60 pounds?

Prob. 6. If a bar 1 inch in diameter and 8 feet long elongates 0.05 inch under a stress of 15 000 pounds, how much, according to law (B), will a bar of the same size and material elongate whose length is 12 feet and stress 30 000 pounds?

ART. 4. ELASTIC LIMIT AND COEFFICIENT OF ELASTICITY.

The 'elastic limit' is that unit-stress at which the permanent set is first visible and within which the stress is directly proportional to the deformation. For stresses less than the elastic limit bodies are perfectly elastic, resuming their original form on removal of the stress. Beyond the elastic limit a permanent alteration of shape occurs, or, in other words, the elasticity of the material has been impaired. It is a fundamental rule in all engineering constructions that materials can not safely be strained beyond their elastic limit.

The 'coefficient of elasticity' of a bar for tension, compression, or shearing, is the ratio of the unit-stress to the unit-

deformation, provided the elastic limit of the material be not exceeded. Let S be the unit-stress, s the unit-deformation, and E the coefficient of elasticity. Then by the definition,

$$(2) \qquad E = \frac{S}{s} \qquad \text{and} \qquad S = Es.$$

By law (B) the quantity E is a constant for each material, until S reaches the elastic limit. Beyond this limit s increases more rapidly than S and the ratio is no longer constant. Equation (2) is a fundamental one in the science of the strength of materials. Since E varies inversely with s, the coefficient of elasticity may be regarded as a measure of the stiffness of the material. The stiffer the material the less is the change in length under a given stress and the greater is E. The values of E for materials have been determined by experiments with testing machines and their average values will be given in the following articles. E is necessarily expressed in the same unit as the unit-stress S. Some authors give the name 'modulus of elasticity' to the quantity E.

Another definition of the coefficient of elasticity for the case of tension is that it is the unit-stress which would elongate a bar to double its original length, provided that this could be done without exceeding the elastic limit. That this definition is in agreement with (2) may be shown by regarding a bar of length l which elongates the amount λ under the unit-stress $\frac{P}{A}$. Here the unit-elongation is $\frac{\lambda}{l}$ and (2) becomes,

$$(2') \qquad E = \frac{P}{A} \div \frac{\lambda}{l} = \frac{Pl}{A\lambda},$$

and if λ be equal to l, E is the same as the unit-stress $\frac{P}{A}$.

Prob. 7. Find the coefficient of elasticity of a bar of wrought iron $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter and 16 feet long which elongates $\frac{1}{8}$ inch under a tensile stress of 20 000 pounds.

Prob. 8. If the coefficient of elasticity of cast iron is 15 000 000 pounds per square inch, how much will a bar 2 × 3 inches and 6 feet long stretch under a tension of 5 000 pounds?

ART. 5.   TENSION.

The phenomena of tension observed when a gradually increasing stress is applied to a bar, are briefly as follows: When the unit-stress S is less than the elastic limit S_e, the unit-elongation s is small and proportional to S. Within this limit the ratio of S to s is the coefficient of elasticity of the material. After passing the elastic limit the bar rapidly elongates and this is accompanied by a reduction in area of its cross-section. Finally when S reaches the ultimate tensile strength S_t, the bar tears apart. Usually S_t is the maximum unit-stress on the bar, but in some cases the unit-stress reaches a maximum shortly before rupture occurs.

The constants of tension for timber, cast iron, wrought iron and steel are given in the following table. The values are average ones and are liable to great variations for different grades and qualities of materials. Brick and stone are not here mentioned, as they are rarely or never used in tension.

Material.	Coefficient of Elasticity, E.	Elastic Limit, S_e.	Ultimate Tensile Strength, S_t.	Ultimate Elongation, s.
	Pounds per square inch.	Pounds per square inch.	Pounds per square inch.	Inches per linear inch.
Timber,	1 500 000	3 000	10 000	0.015
Cast Iron,	15 000 000	6 000	20 000	0.005
Wrought Iron,	25 000 000	25 000	55 000	0.20
Steel,	30 000 000	50 000	100 000	0.10

The values of the coefficients of elasticity, elastic limits, and breaking or ultimate strengths are given in pounds per square inch of the original cross-section of the bar. The ultimate elongations are in fractional parts of the original length, or they

are the elongations per linear unit; these should be regarded as very rough averages, since they are subject to great variations depending on the shape, size, and quality of the specimen.

The ultimate elongation, together with the reduction in area of the cross-section, furnishes the means of judging of the ductility of the material. The reduction of area in cast iron and in many varieties of steel is scarcely perceptible, while in other varieties of steel and in wrought iron it may be as high as 0.4 of the original section.

A graphical illustration of the principal phenomena of tension is given in Fig. 1. The unit-stresses are taken as ordinates and
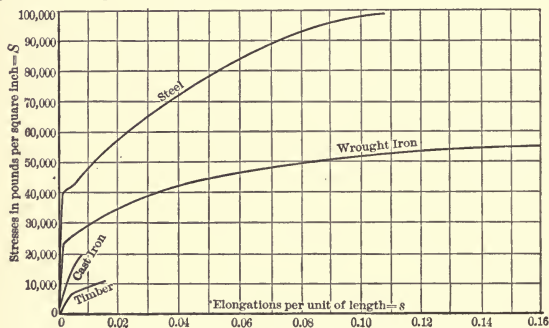
Fig. 1.

the unit-elongations as abscissas. For each unit-stress the corresponding unit-elongation as found by experiment is laid off, and curves drawn through the points thus determined. The curve for each of the materials is a straight line from the origin until the elastic limit is reached, as should be the case according to the law (B). The tangent of the angle which this line makes with the axis of abscissas is equal to $S \div s$, which is the same in value as the coefficient of elasticity of the material. At the elastic limit a sudden change in the curve is noticed and the elongation rapidly increases. The termination of the curve

indicates the point of rupture. These curves show more plainly to the eye than the values in the table can do the differences in the properties of the materials. It will be seen that the elastic limit is not a well defined point, but that its value is more or less uncertain, particularly for cast iron and timber. It should be also clearly understood that individual curves for special cases would often show marked variations from their mean forms as represented in the diagram.

As a particular example a tensile test of a wrought iron bar $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter and 12 inches long made at the Pencoyd Iron Works will be considered. In the first column of the following table are given the total stresses which were successively applied, in the second the stresses per square inch, in the third the total elongations, and in the fourth the elongations or sets after removal of the stress. The unit-elongations are found by dividing those in the table by 12 inches, the length of the specimen. Then the coefficient of elasticity can be computed for different

Total Stress in Pounds.	Stress per Square Inch.	Elongation.	
		Load on.	Load off.
2 245	5 000	.001	.000
4 490	10 000	.004	.000
6 735	15 000	.005	.000
8 980	20 000	.008	.000
9 878	22 000	.009	.000
10 776	24 000	.010	.000
11 674	26 000	.0105	.000
12 572	28 000	.011	.000
13 470	30 000	.013	.000
14 368	32 000	.014	.000
15 266	34 000	.015	.002
16 164	36 000	.022	.007
17 062	38 000	.416	.3995
17 960	40 000	.5445	.523
25 450	50 000	1.740	1.707
23 175	51 600	2.468	......

Specimen broke with 51 600 pounds per square inch.
Stretch in 12 inches, 2.468 inches.
Stretch in 8 inches, 1.812 inches.
Stretch in 8 inches, 22.65 per cent.
Fractured area, 0.297 square inches.

values of S and s. Thus for the fourth and seventh cases,

$$\text{for } S = 20\,000, \quad s = \frac{0.008}{12} \quad \text{and} \quad E = 30\,000\,000;$$

$$\text{for } S = 26\,000, \quad s = \frac{0.0105}{12} \quad \text{and} \quad E = 29\,700\,000.$$

The elastic limit was reached at about 33 000 pounds per square inch, indicated by the beginning of the set and the rapid increase of the elongations. The ultimate tensile strength of the specimen was 51 600 pounds per square inch. The ultimate unit-elongation in 8 inches of the length was 0.226 inches per linear inch. It hence appears that this bar of wrought iron was higher than the average as regards stiffness, elastic limit and ductility, and lower than the average in ultimate strength.

The 'working strength' of a material is that unit-stress to which it is, or is to be, subjected. This should not be greater than the elastic limit of the material, since if that limit be exceeded there is a permanent set which impairs the elasticity. In order to secure an ample margin of safety it is customary to take the working strength at from one-third to two-thirds the elastic limit S_e. The reasons which govern the selection of proper values of the working strength will be set forth in the following articles.

To investigate the security of a piece subjected to a tension P, it is necessary first to divide P by the area of the cross-section and thus determine the working strength. Then a comparison of this value with the value of S_e for the given material will indicate whether the applied stress is too great or whether the piece has a margin of safety. For example, if a tensile stress of 4 500 pounds be applied to a wrought iron bar of $\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter the working unit-stress is,

$$S = \frac{P}{A} = \frac{4\,500}{0.449} = 10\,000 \text{ pounds per square inch, nearly.}$$

As this is less than one-half the elastic limit of wrought iron the bar has a good margin of security.

To design a piece to carry a given tension P it is necessary to assume the kind of material to be used and its allowable working strength S. Then $\dfrac{P}{S}$ is the area of the cross-section

of the piece, which may be made of such shape as the circumstances of the case require. For example, if it be required to design a wooden bar to carry a tensile stress of 4 500 pounds, the working strength may be assumed at 1 000 pounds per square inch and the required area is 4.5 square inches, so that the bar may be made $2 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in section.

The elongation of a bar within the elastic limit may be computed by the help of formula (2). For instance, let it be required to find the elongation of a wooden bar 3×3 inches and 12 feet long under a tensile stress of 9 000 pounds. From the formulas (2) and (1),

$$E = \frac{S}{s} = \frac{P}{A} \div \frac{\lambda}{l}; \quad \therefore \ \lambda = \frac{Pl}{AE}.$$

Substituting in this the values $E = 1\,500\,000$, $A = 9$, $l = 144$, and $P = 9\,000$, the probable value of the elongation λ is found to be 0.096 inches.

Prob. 9. Find the size of a round wrought iron rod to safely carry a tensile stress of 100 000 pounds.

Prob. 10. Compute the elongation of a wooden and of a cast iron bar, each being 2×3 inches and 16 feet long, under a tensile stress of 6 000 pounds.

ART. 6. COMPRESSION.

The phenomena of compression are similar to those of tension, provided that the length of the specimen does not exceed about five times its least diameter. The piece at first shortens proportionally to the applied stress, but after the elastic limit is passed the shortening increases more rapidly, and is accompanied by a slight enlargement of the cross-section. When the stress reaches the ultimate strength of the material the specimen cracks and ruptures. If the length of the piece exceeds about ten times its least diameter, a sidewise bending or flexure of the specimen occurs, so that it fails under different circum-

stances than those of direct compression. All the values given in this article refer to specimens whose lengths do not exceed about five times their least diameter. Longer pieces will be discussed in Chapter V under the head of 'columns.' Owing to the difficulty of making experiments on short specimens, the phenomena of compression are not usually so regular as those of tension.

The constants of compression for short specimens are given in the following table, the values, like those for tension, being rough average values liable to much variation in particular cases.

Material.	Coefficient of Elasticity, E.	Elastic Limit, S_e.	Ultimate Compressive Strength, S_c.
	Lbs. per sq. in.	Lbs. per sq. in.	Lbs. per sq. in.
Timber,	1 500 000	3 000	8 000
Brick,			2 500
Stone,	6 000 000		6 000
Cast Iron,	15 000 000		90 000
Wrought Iron,	25 000 000	25 000	55 000
Steel,	30 000 000	50 000	150 000

The values of the coefficient of elasticity and the elastic limit for timber, wrought iron, and steel here stated are the same as those for tension, but the same reliance cannot be placed upon them, owing to the irregularity of experiments thus far made. There is reason to believe that both the elastic limit and the coefficient of elasticity for compression are somewhat greater than for tension.

The investigation of a piece subjected to compression, or the design of a short piece to be subjected to compression, is effected by exactly the same methods as for tension. Indeed it is customary to employ these methods for cases where the length of the piece is as great as ten times its least diameter.

Prob. 11. Find the height of a brick tower which crushes under its own weight. Also the height of a stone tower.

Prob. 12. Compute the amount of shortening in a wrought iron specimen 1 inch in diameter and 5 inches long under a load of 6000 pounds.

ART. 7. SHEAR.

Shearing stresses and strains occur whenever two forces, acting like a pair of shears, tend to cut a body between them. When a plate is punched the ultimate shearing strength of the material must be overcome over the surface punched. When a bolt is in tension the applied stress tends to shear off the head and also to strip or shear the threads in the nut and screw. When a rivet connects two plates which transmit tension the plates tend to shear the rivet across.

The ultimate shearing strength of materials is easily determined by causing rupture under a stress P, and then dividing P by the area A of the shorn surface. The value of this for timber is found to be very much smaller along the grain than across the grain; for the first direction it is sometimes called longitudinal shearing strength and for the second transverse shearing strength. The same distinction is sometimes made in rolled wrought iron plates and bars where the process of manufacture induces a more or less fibrous structure. The elastic limit and the amount of detrusion for shearing are dif-

Material.	Coefficient of Elasticity, E.	Ultimate Shearing Strength, S_s.
Timber, Longitudinal,	400 000	600
Timber, Transverse,		3 000
Cast Iron,	6 000 000	20 000
Wrought Iron,	15 000 000	50 000
Steel,		70 000

ficult to determine experimentally. The coefficient of elasticity, however, has been deduced by means of certain calculations and experiments on the twisting of shafts, explained in Chapter VI under the head of torsion.

The investigation and design of a piece to withstand shearing stress is made by means of the equation $P = AS$, in the same manner as for tension and compression. As an

Fig. 2.

instance of investigation, consider the cylindrical wooden specimen shown in Fig. 2, which has the

following dimensions: length $ab = 6$ inches, diameter of ends $= 4$ inches, diameter of central part $= 2$ inches. Let this specimen be subjected to a tensile stress in the direction of its length. This not only tends to tear it apart by tension, but also to shear off the ends on a surface whose length is ab and whose diameter is that of the central cylinder. The force P required to cause this longitudinal shearing is,

$$P = AS_s = 3.14 \times 2 \times 6 \times 600 = 22\ 600 \text{ pounds,}$$

while the force required to rupture the specimen by tension is,

$$P = AS_t = 3.14 \times 1^2 \times 10\ 000 = 31\ 400 \text{ pounds.}$$

As the former resistance is only about two-thirds that of the latter the specimen will evidently fail by the shearing off of the ends.

When a bar is subject either to tension or to compression a shear occurs in any section except those perpendicular and
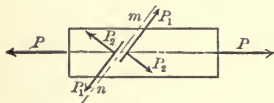

Fig. 3.

parallel to the axis of the bar. Let Fig. 3 represent a bar of cross-section A subject to the tensile stress P which produces in every section perpendicular

to the bar the unit-stress $\dfrac{P}{A}$. Let mn be a plane making an

angle θ with the axis, and cutting from the bar a section whose area is A_1. On the left of the plane the stress P may be resolved into the components P_1 and P_2, respectively parallel and normal to the plane, and the same may be done on the right. Thus it is seen that the effect of the tensile stress P on the plane mn is to produce a tension P_2 normal to it, and a shear P_1 along it, for the two forces P_1 and P_1 act in parallel planes and in opposite directions. The shearing stress P_1 has the value $P \cos \theta$, which is distributed over the area A_1 whose value is $A \div \sin \theta$. Hence the shearing unit-stress in the given section is,

$$S_1 = \frac{P_1}{A_1} = \frac{P}{A} \sin \theta \cos \theta.$$

When $\theta = 0°$, or $\theta = 90°$, the value of S_1 is zero. The maximum value of S_1 occurs when $\theta = 45°$, and then $S_1 = \frac{1}{2} \dfrac{P}{A}$, or a tensile unit-stress S on a bar produces a shearing unit-stress of $\frac{1}{2}S$ along every section inclined 45 degrees to the axis of the bar. The above investigation applies also to compression if the direction of P be reversed, and it is sometimes observed in experiments on the compression of short specimens that rupture occurs by shearing along oblique sections.

Prob. 13. A hole $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter is punched in a wrought iron plate $\frac{5}{8}$ inches thick by a pressure on the punch of 78 000 pounds. What is the ultimate shearing strength of the iron?

Prob. 14. A wrought iron bolt $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter has a head $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Find the unit-stress tending to shear off the head when a tension of 3 000 pounds is applied to the bolt.

ART. 8. FACTORS OF SAFETY AND WORKING STRESSES.

The factor of safety for a body under stress is the ratio of its ultimate strength to the actual existing unit-stress. The factor of safety for a piece to be designed is the ratio of the ultimate

strength to the proper allowable working strength.   Thus if S_t be the ultimate, S the working strength, and f the factor of safety, then

$$f = \frac{S_t}{S}, \quad \text{and} \quad S_t = fS.$$

The factor of safety is hence always an abstract number, which indicates the number of times the working stress may be multiplied before the rupture of the body.

The law (E) in Art. 3 indicates that working stresses should be lower for shocks and sudden stresses than for steady loads and slowly varying stresses.   In a building the stresses on the walls are steady, so that the working strength may be taken high and hence the factor of safety low.   In a bridge the stresses in the several members are more or less varying in character which requires a lower working strength and hence a higher factor of safety.   In a machine subject to shocks the working strength should be lower still and the factor of safety very high.   The law (E) from which these conclusions are derived is not merely the result of experience, but can be confirmed by theoretical discussion (Art. 80).

The following are average values of the allowable factors of safety commonly employed in American practice.   These values

Material.	For Steady Stress. (Buildings.)	For Varying Stress. (Bridges.)	For Shocks. (Machines.)
Timber,	8	10	15
Brick and Stone,	15	25	30
Cast Iron, .	6	15	20
Wrought Iron,	4	6	10
Steel,	5	7	15

are subject to considerable variation in particular instances, not only on account of the different qualities and grades of the

material, but also on account of the varying judgment of designers. They will also vary with the range of varying stress, so that different parts of a bridge may have very different factors of safety.

The proper allowable working strength of any material for tension, compression, or shearing, may be at once found by dividing the ultimate strength by the proper factor of safety. Regard should also be paid to the elastic limit in selecting the working strength, particularly for materials whose elastic limit is well defined. For wrought iron and steel the working strength should be well within the elastic limit, as already indicated in previous articles. For cast iron, stone, brick, and timber it is often difficult to determine the elastic limit, and experience alone can guide the proper selection of the working strength. The above factors of safety indicate indeed the conclusions of experiment and experience extending over the past hundred years.

The student should clearly understand that the exact values given in this and the preceding articles would not be arbitrarily used in any particular case of design. For instance, if a given lot of wrought iron is to be used in an engineering structure, specimens of it should be tested to determine its coefficient of elasticity, elastic limit, ultimate strength, and percentage of elongation. Then the engineer will decide upon the proper working strength, being governed by its qualities as shown by the tests, the character of the stresses that come upon it, and the cost of workmanship.

The two fundamental principles of engineering design are stability and economy, or in other words:

First, the structure must safely withstand all the stresses which are to be applied to it.

Second, the structure must be built and maintained at the lowest possible cost.

The second of these fundamental principles requires that all parts of the structure should be of equal strength, like the celebrated 'one-hoss shay' of the poet. For, if one part is stronger than another, it has an excess of material which might have been spared. Of course this rule is to be violated if the cost of the labor required to save the material be greater than that of the material itself. Thus it often happens that some parts of a structure have higher factors of safety than others, but the lowest factors should not, as a rule, be less than the values given above. For the design of important structures specifications are prepared which state the lowest allowable unit-stresses that can be used.

The factors of safety stated above are supposed to be so arranged that, if different materials be united, the stability of all parts of the structure will be the same, so that if rupture occurs, everything would break at once. Or, in other words, timber with a factor of safety 8 has about the same reliability as wrought iron with a factor of 4 or stone with a factor of 15, provided the stresses are due to steady loads.

The assignment of working strengths with regard to the elastic limits of materials is more rational than that by means of the factors of safety, and in time it may become the more important and valuable method. But at present the ultimate strengths are so much better known and so much more definitely determinable than the elastic limits that the empirical method of factors of safety seems the more important for the use of students, due regard being paid to considerations of stiffness, elastic limit, and ductility.

As an example, let it be required to find the proper size of a wrought iron rod to carry a steady tensile stress of 90 000 pounds. In the absence of knowledge regarding the quality of the wrought iron, the ultimate strength S_t is to be taken as

the average value, 55 000 pounds per square inch.   Then, for a
factor of safety of 4, the working strength is,

$$S = \frac{55\ 000}{4} = 13\ 750 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

The area of cross-section required is hence,

$$A = \frac{90\ 000}{13\ 750} = 6.6 \text{ square inches,}$$

which may be supplied by a rod of $2\frac{1}{16}$ inches diameter.

Prob. 15. Determine the size of a short steel piston rod when
the piston is 20 inches in diameter and the steam pressure upon
it is 67.5 pounds per square inch.

Prob. 16. A wooden frame ABC forming an equilateral tri-
angle consists of short pieces 2×2 inches jointed at A, B, and
C. It is placed in a vertical plane and supported at B and C
so that BC is horizontal. Find the unit-stress and factor of
safety in each of the three pieces when a load of 6 000 pounds
is applied at A.

CHAPTER II.

PIPES, CYLINDERS, AND RIVETED JOINTS.

ART. 9.   WATER AND STEAM PIPES.

The pressure of water or steam in a pipe is exerted in every direction, and tends to tear the pipe apart longitudinally.   This is resisted by the internal tensile stresses of the material.   If p be the pressure per square inch of the water or steam, d the diameter of the pipe and l its length, the force P which tends to cause longitudinal rupture is $p \cdot ld$.   This is evident from the fundamental principle of hydrostatics that the pressure of water in any direction is equal to the pressure on a plane perpendicular to that direction, or may be seen by imagining the pipe to be filled with a solid substance on one side of the diameter, which would receive the pressure p on each square inch of the area ld and transmit it into the pipe.   If t be the thickness of the pipe and S the tensile stress which is uniformly distributed over it, as will be the case when t is not large compared with d, the resistance on each side is $tl \cdot S$.   As the resistance must equal the pressure,

$$pld = 2tlS, \quad \text{or} \quad pd = 2tS,$$

which is the formula for discussing pipes under internal pressure.

The unit-pressure p for water may be computed from a given head h by finding the weight of a column of water one inch square and h inches high. Or if h be given in feet, the pressure in pounds per square inch may be computed from $p = 0.434h$.

Water pipes may be made of cast or wrought iron, the former being more common, while for steam the latter is preferable.

Wrought iron pipes are sometimes made of plates riveted together, but the discussion of these is reserved for another article. A water pipe subjected to the shock of water ram needs a high factor of safety, and in a steam pipe the factors should also be high, owing to shocks liable to occur from condensation and expansion of the steam. The formula above deduced shows that the thickness of a pipe must increase directly as its diameter, the internal pressure being constant.

For example, let it be required to find the factor of safety for a cast iron water pipe of 12 inches diameter and $\frac{5}{8}$ inches thickness under a head of 300 feet. Here p, the pressure per square inch, equals 130.2 pounds. Then from the formula the unit-stress is,

$$S = \frac{pd}{2t} = \frac{130.2 \times 12}{2 \times \frac{5}{8}} = 1\ 250 \text{ pounds per square inch,}$$

and hence the factor of safety is,

$$f = \frac{20\ 000}{1\ 250} = \text{about } 16,$$

which indicates ample security under ordinary conditions.

Again let it be required to find the proper thickness for a wrought iron steam pipe of 18 inches diameter to resist a pressure of 120 pounds per square inch. With a factor of safety of 10 the working strength S is about 5 500 pounds per square inch. Then from the formula,

$$t = \frac{pd}{2S} = \frac{120 \times 18}{2 \times 5\ 500} = 0.2 \text{ inches.}$$

In order to safely resist the stresses and shocks liable to occur in handling the pipes, the thickness is often made somewhat greater than the formula requires.

Prob. 17. What should be the thickness of a cast iron pipe of 18 inches diameter under a head of 300 feet?

Prob. 18. A wrought iron pipe is 3 inches in internal diame-

ter and weighs 24 pounds per linear yard. What steam pressure can it carry with a factor of safety of 8?

ART. 10. THIN CYLINDERS AND SPHERES.

A cylinder subject to the interior pressure of water or steam tends to fail longitudinally exactly like a pipe. The head of the cylinder however undergoes a pressure which tends to separate it from the walls. If d be the diameter of the cylinder and p the internal pressure per square unit, the total pressure on the head is $\frac{1}{4}\pi d^2 . p$. If S be the working unit-stress and t the thickness of the cylinder, the resistance to the pressure is approximately $\pi dt S$, if t be so small that S is uniformly distributed. Since the resistance must equal the pressure,

$$\tfrac{1}{4}\pi d^2 . p = \pi dt . S, \qquad \text{or} \qquad pd = 4tS.$$

By comparing this with the formula of the last article it is seen that the resistance of a pipe to transverse rupture is double the resistance to longitudinal rupture.

A thin sphere subject to interior pressure tends to rupture around a great circle, and it is easy to see that the conditions are exactly the same as for the transverse rupture of a cylinder, or that $pd = 4tS$. For thick spheres and cylinders the formulas of this and the last article are only approximate.

A cylinder under exterior pressure is theoretically in a similar condition to one under interior pressure as long as it remains a true circle in cross-section. A uniform interior pressure tends to preserve and maintain the circular form of the cylindrical annulus, but an exterior pressure tends at once to increase the slightest variation from the circle and render it elliptical. The distortion when once begun rapidly increases, and failure occurs by the collapsing of the tube rather than by the crushing of the material. The flues of a steam boiler are the most common instance of cylinders subjected to exterior

pressure.   In the absence of a rational method of investigating such cases recourse has been had to experiment.   Tubes of various diameters, lengths, and thicknesses have been subjected to exterior pressure until they collapse and the results have been compared and discussed.   The following for instance are the results of three experiments by FAIRBAIRN on wrought iron tubes.

Length in Inches.	Diameter in Inches.	Thickness in Inches.	Pressure per Sq. Inch.
37	9	0.14	378
60	$14\frac{1}{2}$	0.125	125
61	$18\frac{3}{4}$	0.25	420

From these and other similar experiments it has been concluded that the collapsing pressure varies directly as some power of the thickness, and inversely as the length and diameter of the tube. For wrought iron tubes WOOD gives the empirical formula for the collapsing pressure per square inch,

$$p = 9\,600\,000\,\frac{t^{2.18}}{ld}.$$

The values of p computed from this formula for the above three experiments are 397, 120, and 409, which agree well with the observed values.

The proper thickness of a wrought iron tube to resist exterior pressure may be readily found from this formula after assuming a suitable factor of safety.   For example, let it be required to find t when $p = 120$ pounds per square inch, $l = 72$ inches, $d = 4$ inches and the factor of safety $= 10$.   Then

$$t^{2.18} = \frac{10 \times 120 \times 72 \times 4}{9\,600\,000} = 0.036,$$

from which with the help of logarithms the value of t is found to be 0.22 inches.

Prob. 19. What interior pressure per square inch will burst a cast iron sphere of 24 inches diameter and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches thickness.

Prob. 20. What exterior pressure per square inch will collapse a wrought iron tube 72 inches long, 4 inches diameter and 0.25 inches thickness?

ART. 11. THICK CYLINDERS.

When the walls of a cylinder are thick compared with its interior diameter it cannot be supposed, as in the preceding articles, that the stress is uniformly distributed over the thickness t. Let Fig. 4 represent one-half of a section of a thick
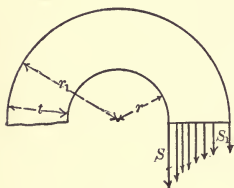
Fig. 4.

cylinder subject to interior pressure over the length l, tending to produce longitudinal rupture. Let r and r_1 be the interior and exterior radii, then $r_1 - r = t$ the thickness. Let S and S_1 be the tensile unit-stresses at the inner and outer edges of the annulus. Before the application of

the pressure the volume of the annulus is $\pi(r_1^2 - r^2)l$, after the pressure is applied the radius r_1 is increased to $r_1 + y_1$ and r to $r + y$, so that its volume is $\pi(r_1 + y_1)^2 l - \pi(r + y)^2 l$. The annulus is however really changed only in form, so that the two expressions for the volume are equal, and equating them gives,

$$2ry + y^2 = 2r_1y_1 + y_1^2,$$

or, since y and y_1 are small compared with r and r_1 their squares may be neglected, and hence

$$ry = r_1y_1, \qquad \text{or} \qquad \frac{y}{y_1} = \frac{r_1}{r}.$$

Now if the material is not stressed beyond the elastic limit the unit-stresses S and S_1 are proportional to the corresponding unit-elongations. The elongation of the inner circumference is $2\pi y$ and that of the outer circumference is $2\pi y_1$, and divid-

ing these by $2\pi r$ and $2\pi r_1$ respectively the unit-elongations are found; then,

$$\frac{S}{S_1} = \frac{y}{r} \div \frac{y_1}{r_1} = \frac{r_1}{r} \cdot \frac{y}{y_1}.$$

Substituting in this the value of the ratio $\frac{y}{y_1}$ as above found, gives

$$\frac{S}{S_1} = \frac{r_1^2}{r^2},$$

that is, the unit-stresses in the walls of the cylinder vary inversely as the squares of their distances from the center.

The total stress acting over the area $2t \cdot l$ is now to be found by summing up the unit-stresses. Let S_x be any unit-stress at a distance x from the center, and S, as before, be that at the inner circumference, which is the greatest of all the unit-stresses. Then by the law of variation,

$$S_x = S\frac{r^2}{x^2}.$$

The stress acting over the area $l \cdot dx$ is then

$$S_x l dx = Sr^2 l \frac{dx}{x^2},$$

and the total stress over the area $2t \cdot l$ is

$$2Sr^2 l \int_{r_1}^{r} \frac{dx}{x^2} = 2Sr^2 l\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_1}\right) = 2Sl\frac{rt}{r+t}.$$

This is the value of the internal resisting stress in the walls of the pipe; if t be neglected in comparison with r it reduces to $2Slt$ which is the same as previously found for thin cylinders; if $t = r$ it becomes Slt or only one-half the resistance of a thin cylinder.

The total interior pressure which tends to rupture the cylinder longitudinally is $2rl \cdot p$, if p be the unit-pressure (Art. 9).

Equating this to the total internal resisting-stress gives the formula,

$$p = \frac{St}{r + t},$$

from which one of the quantities S, p, r, or t can be computed when the other three are given. For instance, let this be applied to the same example as in Art. 9, where $p = 130.2$ pounds per square inch, $2r = 12$ inches, $t = \frac{5}{8}$ inch, and the value of S is required, then

$$S = \frac{pr}{t} + p = 1250 + 130 = 1380 \text{ pounds per square inch,}$$

which is about 10 per cent greater than the value found by the approximate formula for thin pipes.

Prob. 21. Prove when the thickness of a pipe equals its interior radius that the exterior circumference elongates one-half as much as the interior circumference.

Prob. 22. If a gun of 3 inches bore is subject to an interior pressure of 1 800 pounds per square inch, what should be its thickness so that the greatest stress on the material may not exceed 3 000 pounds per square inch?

ART. 12. INVESTIGATION OF RIVETED JOINTS.

When two plates which are under tension are joined together by rivets, these must transfer that tension from one plate to another. A shearing stress is thus brought upon each rivet which tends to cut it off. A compressive stress is also brought sidewise upon each rivet which tends to crush it; this particular kind of compression is often called "bearing stress." The exact manner in which it acts upon the cylindrical surface of the rivet is not known, but it is usually supposed to be equivalent to a stress uniformly distributed over the projection of the surface on a plane through the axis of the rivet.

Case I. Lap Joint with single riveting.—Let P be the tensile stress which is transmitted from one plate to the other by

means of a single rivet, t the thickness of the plates, d the diameter of a rivet, and a the pitch of the rivets. Let S_t, S_s, and S_c be the unit-stresses in tension, shear, and compression produced by P upon the plates and rivets. Then for the tension on the plate,

$$P = t(a - d)S_t,$$

for the shear on the rivet,

$$P = \tfrac{1}{4}\pi d^2 \cdot S_s,$$

and for compression on the rivet,

$$P = td \cdot S_c.$$
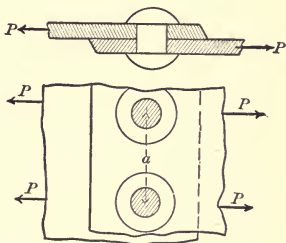
Fig. 5.

From these equations the unit-stresses may be computed, when the other quantities are known, and by comparing them with the proper working unit-stresses the degree of security of the joint is estimated.

Case II. Lap Joint with double riveting.—In this arrangement the plates have a wider lap, and there are two rows of rivets. Let a be the pitch of the rivets in one row, then the tensile stress P is distributed over two rivets, and the three formulas are,

$$P = t(a - d)S_t,$$
$$P = 2 \cdot \tfrac{1}{4}\pi d^2 S_s,$$
$$P = 2 \cdot td S_c,$$

from which the unit-stresses may be computed and the strength of the joint be investigated. The loss of

Fig. 6.

strength is here generally less than in the previous case since a can be made larger with respect to d.
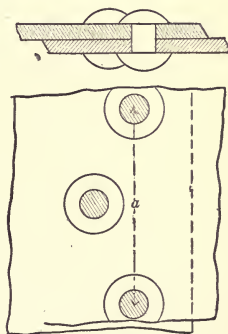
Case III. Butt Joint with single riveting.—For this arrange-

Fig. 7.

ment the shear on each of
the rivets comes on two
cross-sections, which is said
to be a case of double shear,
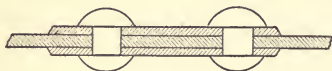
and the formulas are,

$$P = t(a - d)S_t, = 2 \cdot \tfrac{1}{4}\pi d^2 S_s = t d S_c.$$

Accordingly, a lap joint with double riveting has the same ten-
sile and shearing strength as a butt joint with single riveting,
if the values of a, d, and t be equal in the two cases; the bear-
ing resistance, however, is only one half as large.

For example, let it be required to investigate a single riveted
butt joint consisting of plates 0.75 inches thick with covers
0.375 inches thick, and rivets of 1 inch diameter and 4 inches
pitch, when a tension of 8 000 pounds is transmitted through
one rivet. First, the working tensile unit-stress on the plate is
found to have the value,

$$S_t = \frac{8\,000}{3 \times 0.75} = 3\,560 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

Next the shearing unit-stress on the rivets is,

$$S_s = \frac{8\,000}{2 \times 0.785} = 5\,100 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

Lastly, the bearing compressive unit-stress on the rivets is,

$$S_c = \frac{8\,000}{1 \times 0.75} = 10\,700 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

It thus appears that the joint has the greatest factor of safety
against tension and the least against compression of the rivets.
It should be said, however, that for wrought iron plates and
rivets the highest allowable working stresses for tension, shear,
and bearing are generally considered to be about 9 000, 7 500,
and 12 000 pounds per square inch respectively; hence the

joint has proper security under the given conditions although the degree of security is quite different for the different stresses.

The 'efficiency' of a joint is defined to be the ratio of its highest allowable stress to the highest allowable stress of the unriveted plate. The highest allowable stresses in tension, shear, and compression are the three expressions for P, using, for wrought iron, the values above mentioned; and the highest allowable stress of the unriveted plate is atS_t. Thus result the following values of the efficiency,

$$\text{For tension,} \qquad e = \frac{a-d}{a},$$

$$\text{For shear,} \qquad e = \frac{n \cdot \frac{1}{4}\pi d^2 S_s}{atS_t},$$

$$\text{For compression,} \qquad e = \frac{m \cdot dS_c}{aS_t},$$

in which m denotes the number of rivets in the width a which transmit the tension P and n denotes the number of rivet-sections in the same space over which the shear is distributed. The smallest of these values of e is to be taken as the efficiency of the joint. Thus for the above numerical example the three values are 0.75, 0.44, and 0.33; the working strength of the joint is, hence, only 33 per cent of that of the unriveted plate.

If in the above formulas, S_t, S_s, and S_c be taken as the ultimate strengths, the resulting values of e will be the efficiencies at the moment of rupture of the joint. For the same numerical example the three ultimate efficiencies are 0.75, 0.48, and 0.25.

Prob. 23. A boiler is to be formed of wrought iron plates $\frac{3}{8}$ inches thick, united by single lap joints with rivets $\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches pitch. Find the efficiency of the joint. Find the factor of safety of the boiler if it is 30 inches in diameter and carries a steam pressure of 100 pounds.

ART. 13. DESIGN OF RIVETED JOINTS.

A theoretically perfect joint with regard to strength is one so arranged that all parts (like the one-hoss shay) have the same degree of security. Thus the resistance of the plate to tension must equal the resistance of the rivets to shearing, and each of these must equal the resistance of the rivets to compression. The three expressions for P of the last Article should hence be equal, or, what amounts to the same thing, the three efficiencies should be equal. Equating then the second to the third and solving for d, gives

$$d = \frac{4mS_c}{\pi n S_s} t,$$

from which d can be computed when t is assumed. Again, equating the first and third and eliminating d gives,

$$a = \frac{4mS_c}{\pi n S_s}\Big(1 + \frac{mS_c}{S_t}\Big)t,$$

from which the pitch of the rivets can be obtained. Inserting these values of d and a in either of the expressions for e furnishes the formula,

$$e = \frac{1}{1 + \dfrac{S_t}{mS_c}},$$

from which the efficiency can be ascertained. The best joint will be that which has the least loss of strength due to the riveting, or that which has a value of e as near unity as possible.

Using for wrought iron plates and rivets the working unit-stresses $S_t = 9\,000$, $S_s = 7\,500$, and $S_c = 12\,000$ pounds per square inch, the above formulas for a lap joint with single row of rivets where $m = 1$ and $n = 1$, reduce to,

$$d = 2.04t, \qquad a = 4.75t, \qquad e = 0.57,$$

so that, if the thickness of the plate be given and the diameter and pitch of the rivet be made according to these rules, the

joint has about 57 per cent of the strength of the unholed plate. For a lap joint with double riveting where $m = 2$ and $n = 2$, they become

$$d = 2.04t, \qquad a = 7.48t, \qquad e = 0.73.$$

This example shows clearly the advantage of double over single riveting, and by adding a third row the efficiency will be raised to about 80 per cent.

The application of the above formulas to butt joints makes the diameter of the rivet equal to the thickness of the plate and makes the pitch much smaller than the above values for lap joints. These proportions are difficult to apply in practice on account of the danger of injuring the metal in punching the holes. For this reason joints are often made in which the strengths of the different parts are not equal. Many other reasons, such as cost of material and facility of workmanship, influence also the design of a joint so that the formulas above deduced are to be regarded only as a rough guide. The old rules which are still often used for determining the pitch in butt joints, are

$$a = d + \frac{\pi d^2}{2t}, \qquad a = d + \frac{\pi d^2}{t},$$

the first being for single and the second for double riveting. These are deduced by making the strength of the joint equal in tension and shear, and taking $S_s = S_t$.

It may be required to arrange a joint so as to secure either strength or tightness. For a bridge, strength is mainly needed; for a gasholder, tightness is the principal requisite; while for a boiler both these qualities are desirable. In general a tight joint is secured by using small rivets with a small pitch. The lap of the plates, and the distance between the rows of rivets, is determined by practical considerations rather than by theoretic formulas.

Prob. 24. A lap joint with double riveting is to be formed of plates $\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick with rivets $\frac{7}{8}$ inches diameter. Find the pitch so that the strength of the plate shall equal the shearing strength of the rivets, and compute the efficiency of the joint.

ART. 14. MISCELLANEOUS EXERCISES.

It will be profitable to the student to thoroughly perform the following exercises and problems and to write upon each a detailed report, which should contain all the sketches and computations necessary to clearly explain the data, the reasoning, the computations, and the conclusions. Problem 26 is intended for students proficient in the use of calculus.

Exercise 1. Visit an establishment where tensile tests are made. Ascertain the kind of machine employed, its capacity, the method of applying the stresses, the method of measuring the stresses, the method of measuring the elongations. Ascertain the kind of material tested, the reason for testing it, and the conclusions derived from the tests. Give full data for the tests on four different specimens, compute the values of coefficient of elasticity, ultimate strength and ultimate elongation for them, and state your conclusions.

Exercise 2. Procure a wrought iron bolt and nut. Measure the diameter of bolt, length of head, and length of nut. State the equation of condition that the head of the bolt may shear off at the same time the bolt ruptures under tension. Compute the length of head for a given diameter. Explain why the length of the head is made greater than theory apparently requires. Compile a table giving dimensions of bolts and nuts of different diameters.

Exercise 3. Go to a boiler shop and witness operations upon a boiler in process of construction. Ascertain length and diameter of boiler, thickness, pitch and diameter of rivets, method of forming holes, method of doing the riveting. Compute the loss of strength caused by the riveting. Compute the steam pressure

which would cause longitudinal rupture of the plate along a line of rivets. Ascertain whether the joint is proportioned in accordance with theory.

Prob. 25. A wrought iron pipe $\frac{3}{8}$ inches thick and 20 inches in diameter is to be subjected to a head of water of 345 feet. Compute the probable increase in diameter due to the interior pressure, regarding the pipe as thin.

Prob. 26. Let a pier whose top width is b and length l support a uniformly distributed load P. Let the width of the pier at a distance y below the top be x, its constant length being l at all horizontal sections. Let w be the weight of the masonry per cubic foot. Prove that, in order to make the compressive unit-stress the same for all horizontal sections, the profile of the pier must be such as to satisfy the equation $y = \dfrac{S}{w} \log_e \dfrac{x}{b}$ in which $S = \dfrac{P}{bl}$.

CHAPTER III.

CANTILEVER BEAMS AND SIMPLE BEAMS.

ART. 15.   DEFINITIONS.

Transverse stress, or flexure, occurs when a bar is in a horizontal position upon one or more supports.   The weight of the bar and the loads upon it cause it to bend and induce in it stresses and strains of a complex nature which, as will be seen later, may be resolved into those of tension, compression, and shear.   Such a bar is called a beam.

A simple beam is a bar resting upon supports at its ends. A cantilever beam is a bar on one support in its middle, or the portion of any beam projecting out of a wall or beyond a support may be called a cantilever beam.   A continuous beam is a bar resting upon more than two supports.   In this book the word beam, when used without qualification, includes all kinds, whatever be the number of the supports, or whether the ends be free, supported, or fixed.

The elastic curve is the curve formed by a beam as it deflects downward under the action of its own weight and of the loads upon it.   Experience teaches that the amount of this deflection and curvature is very small.   A beam is said to be fixed at one end when it is so arranged that the tangent to the elastic curve at that end always remains horizontal.   This may be done in practice by firmly building one end into a wall.   A beam fixed at one end and unsupported at the other is a cantilever beam.

The loads on beams are either uniform or concentrated.   A uniform load embraces the weight of the beam itself and any load evenly spread over it.   Uniform loads are estimated by their intensity per unit of length of the beam, and usually in

pounds per linear foot. The uniform load per linear unit is
designated by w, then wx will represent the load over any
distance x. If l be the length of the beam, the total uniform
load is wl which may be represented by W. A concentrat-
ed load is a weight applied at a definite point and is desig-
nated by P.

In this chapter cantilever and simple beams will be princi-
pally discussed, although all the fundamental principles and
methods hold good for restrained and continuous beams as
well. Unless otherwise stated the beams will be regarded as
of uniform cross-section throughout, and in computing their
weights the rules of Art. 1 will be found of service.

Prob. 27. Find the diameter of a round steel bar which
weighs 48 pounds, its length being 4 feet.

ART. 16. REACTIONS OF THE SUPPORTS.

The points upon which a beam is supported react upward
against the beam an amount equal to the pressure of the beam
upon them. The beam, being at rest, is a body in equilibrium
under the action of a system of forces which consist of the
downward loads and the upward reactions. The loads are
usually given in intensity and position, and it is required to
find the reactions. This is effected by the application of the
fundamental conditions of static equilibrium, which for a
system of vertical forces, are,

$$\Sigma \text{ of all vertical forces} = 0,$$
$$\Sigma \text{ of moments of all forces} = 0.$$

The first of these conditions says that the sum of all the
loads on the beam is equal to the sum of the reactions. Hence
if there be but one support, this condition gives at once the
reaction.

For two supports the second condition must be used in con-
nection with the first. The center of moments may be taken

anywhere in the plane, but it is more convenient to take it at one of the supports.   For example, consider a single concentrated

Fig. 8.

load P situated at 4 feet from the left end of a simple beam whose span is 13 feet.   The equation of moments, with the center at the left support, is $13R_2 - 4P = 0$, from which $R_2 = \frac{4}{13}P$.   Again the equation of moments, with the center at the right support, is $13R_1 - 9P = 0$, from which $R_1 = \frac{9}{13}P$.   As a check it may be observed that $R_1 + R_2 = P$.

For a uniform load over a simple beam it is evident, without applying the conditions of equilibrium, that each reaction is one-half the load.

The reactions due to both uniform and concentrated loads on a simple beam may be obtained by adding together the reactions due to the uniform load and each concentrated load, or they may be computed in one operation.   As an example of the latter method let Fig. 9 represent a simple beam 12 feet in length between the supports and weighing 35 pounds per
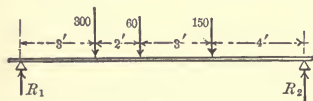
Fig. 9.

linear foot, its total weight being 420 pounds.   Let there be three concentrated loads of 300, 60, and 150 pounds placed at 3, 5, and

8 feet respectively from the left support.   To find the right reaction R_2 the center of moments is taken at the left support, and the weight of the beam regarded as concentrated at its middle; then the equation of moments is,

$$R_2 \times 12 = 420 \times 6 + 300 \times 3 + 60 \times 5 + 150 \times 8$$

from which $R_2 = 410$ pounds.   In like manner to find R_1 the center of moments is taken at the right support, and

$$R_1 \times 12 = 420 \times 6 + 300 \times 9 + 60 \times 7 + 150 \times 4$$

from which $R_1 = 520$ pounds. As a check the sum of R_1 and R_2 is seen to be 930 pounds which is the same as the weight of the beam and the three loads.

When there are more than two supports the problem of finding the reactions from the principles of statics becomes indeterminate, since two conditions of equilibrium are only sufficient to determine two unknown quantities. By introducing, however, the elastic properties of the material, the reactions of continuous beams may be deduced, as will be explained in Chapter IV.

Prob. 28. A simple beam 12 feet long weighs 20 pounds per linear foot and carries a load of 500 pounds. Where should this load be put so that one reaction may be double the other?

Prob. 29. A simple beam weighing 30 pounds per linear foot is 18 feet long. A weight of 700 pounds is placed 5 feet from the left end and one of 500 pounds at 8 feet from the right end. Find the reactions due to the total load.

ART. 17. The Vertical Shear.

When a beam is short it sometimes fails by shearing in a vertical section as shown in Fig. 10. The external force which produces this shearing on any section is the resultant of all the vertical forces on one side of that section. Thus, in the second diagram the resultant of all these external forces is the loads and the weight of the part of the beam on the left of the section; in the third diagram the resultant is the loads and the weight on the right, or it is reaction at

Fig. 10.

the wall minus the weight of the beam between the wall and the section.
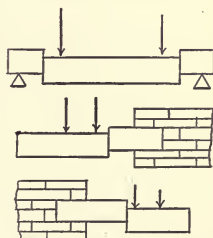
'Vertical Shear' is the name given to the algebraic sum of all external forces on the left of the section considered. Let

it be denoted by V, then for any section of a simple or cantilever beam,

$V =$ Left reaction minus all loads on left of section.

Here upward forces are regarded as positive and downward forces as negative. V is hence positive or negative according as the left reaction exceeds or is less than the loads on the left of the section.   To illustrate, consider a simple beam loaded
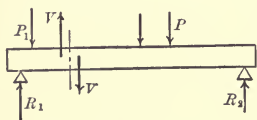
Fig. 11.

in any manner and cut at any section by a vertical plane mn. Let R_1 be the left and R_2 the right reaction.   Let ΣP_1 denote the sum of all the loads on the left of the section and ΣP_2 the sum of those on the right.   Then, from the definition,

$$V = R_1 - \Sigma P_1.$$

Since $R_1 + R_2 = \Sigma P_1 + \Sigma P_2$ it is clear if $R_1 - \Sigma P_1 = + V$ that $R_2 - \Sigma P_2 = - V$, or that the resultant of all the external forces on one side of the section is equal and opposite to the resultant of those on the other side.   They form, in short, a pair of shears acting on opposite sides of the section and tending to cause a sliding or detrusion along the section.   The value of the vertical shear for any section of a simple beam or cantilever is readily found by the above equation.   When R_1 exceeds ΣP_1, the vertical shear V is positive, and the left part of the beam tends to slide upward relative to the right part. When R_1 is less than ΣP_1, the vertical shear V is negative, and the left part tends to slide downward relative to the other. In the upper diagram of Fig. 10 the shear in the left hand section is positive and that in the right hand section is negative.

The vertical shear varies greatly in value at different sections of a beam.   Consider first a simple beam l feet long and weighing w pounds per linear foot.   Each reaction is then $\frac{1}{2}wl$. Pass a plane at any distance x from the left support, then from

the definition the vertical shear for that section is $V = \frac{1}{2}wl - wx$.
Here it is seen that V has its greatest value $\frac{1}{2}wl$ when $x = 0$,
that V decreases as x increases,
and that V becomes o when $x = \frac{1}{2}l$.
When x is greater than $\frac{1}{2}l$, V is
negative and becomes $-\frac{1}{2}wl$ when
$x = l$. The equation $V = \frac{1}{2}wl - wx$
is indeed the equation of a straight

Fig. 12.

line, the origin being at the left support, and may be plotted
so that the ordinate at any point will represent the vertical
shear for the corresponding section of the beam, as shown
in Fig. 12.
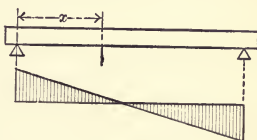
Consider again a simple beam as in Fig. 13 whose span is 12
feet and having three loads of 240, 90, and 120 pounds, situated
3, 4, and 8 feet respectively from
the left support. By Art. 16 the
left reaction is found to be 280
and the right reaction 170 pounds.
Then for any section between the
left support and the first load
the vertical shear is $V = +$ 280
pounds, for a section between the

Fig. 13.

first and second loads it is $V = 280 - 240 = +$ 40 pounds, for
a section between the second and third loads $V = 280 - 240$
$- 90 = - 50$ pounds, and for a section between the third load
and the right support $V = 280 - 240 - 90 - 120 = - 170$
pounds, which has the same numerical value as the right reac-
tion. By laying off ordinates upon a horizontal line a graphical
representation of the distribution of vertical shears throughout
the beam is obtained.
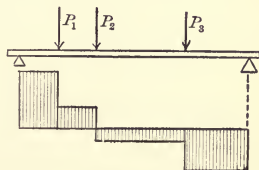
For any section of a simple beam distant x from the left
support, let R, denote the left reaction, w the weight of the
uniform load per linear unit, and ΣP, the sum of all the con-

centrated loads between the section and that support. Then the definition gives,

$$V = R_1 - wx - \Sigma P_1$$

as a general expression for the vertical shear at that section.

A cantilever beam can be so drawn that there is no reaction at the left end, and for any section $V = -wx - \Sigma P_1$.
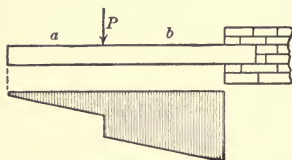
Thus, in Fig. 14, the vertical shear for a section in the space a is $V = -wx$, and for a section in the space b it is $V = -wx - P$, and the graphical representation is as shown below the beam.

Fig. 14.

The vertical shear for any section of a beam is a measure of the tendency to shearing along that section. The above examples show that this is greatest near the supports. It is rare that beams actually fail in this manner, but it is often necessary to investigate the tendency to such failure.

Prob. 30. A simple beam 12 feet long and weighing 20 pounds per linear foot has loads of 600 and 300 pounds at 2 and 4 feet respectively from the left end. Find the vertical shears at several sections throughout the beam, and draw a diagram to show their distribution.

ART. 18. THE BENDING MOMENT.

The usual method of failure of beams is by cross-breaking or transverse rupture. This is caused by the external forces producing rotation around some point in the section of failure. Thus, in Fig. 14, let a be the distance between the end and the load P, and b be the distance between P and the wall. Then the tendency of P to cause rotation around a point in the section at the wall is measured by its moment Pb; if, however, the

load were at the end its tendency to produce rotation around the same point would be measured by the moment $P(a + b)$.

'Bending moment' is the name given to the algebraic sum of the moments of the external forces on the left of the section with reference to a point in that section. Let it be denoted by M. Then, for a cantilever or simple beam,

M = moment of reaction minus sum of moments of loads.

Here the moment of upward forces is taken as positive and that of downward forces as negative. M may hence be positive or negative according as the first or second term is the greater.

For a simple beam of length l, uniformly loaded, each reaction is $\frac{1}{2}wl$. For any section distant x from the left support the moment is $M = \frac{1}{2}wl \cdot x - wx \cdot \frac{1}{2}x$, x being the lever arm of the reaction $\frac{1}{2}wl$, and $\frac{1}{2}x$ the lever arm of the load wx. Here $M = 0$ when $x = 0$ and also when $x = l$, and M is a maximum when $x = \frac{1}{2}l$.
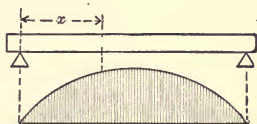
Fig. 15.

The equation, in short, is that of a parabola whose maximum ordinate is $\frac{1}{8}wl^2$ and whose graphical representation is as given in Fig. 15, each ordinate showing the value of M for the corresponding value of the abscissa x.

Consider next a simple beam loaded with only three weights P_1, P_2, and P_3. Here for any section between the left support and the first load $M = Rx$, and for any section between the first and second loads $M = Rx - P_1 (x - a)$. Each of these expressions is the equation of a straight line, x being the abscissa and M the ordinate, and the graphical
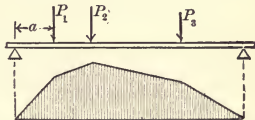
Fig. 16.

representation of bending moments is as shown in Fig. 16. It is seen that for a simple beam all the bending moments are positive.

For a cantilever there is no reaction at the left end and all the bending moments are negative, the tendency to rotation thus being opposite in direction to that in a simple beam. For instance, for a cantilever beam uniformly loaded and having a load at the end the bending moment is $M = -Px - \frac{1}{2}wx^2$. Here the variation of moments may be represented by a parabola, M being 0 at the free end and a maximum at the wall.

For any given case the bending moment at any section may be found by using the definition given above. The external forces on the left of the section are taken merely for convenience, for those upon the right have also the same bending moment with reference to the section. The bending moment in all cases is a measure of the tendency of the external forces on either side of the section to turn the beam around a point in that section.

The bending moment is a compound quantity resulting from the multiplication of a force by a distance. Usually the forces are expressed in pounds and the distances in feet or inches ; then the bending moments are pound-feet or pound-inches. Thus if a load of 500 pounds be at the middle of a simple beam of 8 feet span, the bending moment under the load is,

$M = 250 \times 4 = 1\,000$ pound-feet $= 12\,000$ pound-inches.

Again let a simple beam of 8 feet span be uniformly loaded with 500 pounds and have a weight of 200 pounds at the middle. Then the bending moment at the middle is,

$$M = 350 \times 4 - 250 \times 2 = 900 \text{ pound-feet.}$$

Hence the tendency to rupture is less in the second case than in the first.

Prob. 31. A beam 6 feet long and weighing 20 pounds per foot is placed upon a single support at its middle. Compute the bending moments for sections distant 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 feet from the left end, and draw a curve to show the distribution of moments throughout the beam.

Prob. 32. A simple beam of 6 feet span weighs 20 pounds per linear foot and has a load of 270 pounds at 2 feet from the left end. Find the vertical shears for sections one foot apart throughout the beam, and draw the diagram of shears. Find the bending moments for the same sections and draw the diagram to represent them.

ART. 19. INTERNAL STRESSES AND EXTERNAL FORCES.

The external loads and reactions on a beam maintain their equilibrium by means of internal stresses which are generated in it. It is required to determine the relations between the external forces and the internal stresses; or, since the effect of the external forces upon any section is represented by the vertical shear (Art. 17) and by the bending moment (Art. 18), the problem is to find the relation between these quantities and the internal stresses in that section.

Consider a beam of any kind which is loaded in any manner. Imagine a vertical plane *mn* cutting the beam at any cross-section. In that section there are act-ing unknown stresses of various in-tensities and directions. Let the beam be imagined to be separated into two parts by the cutting plane and let forces X, Y, Z, etc., equiv-alent to the internal stresses, be applied to the section as shown in Fig. 17. Then the equilibrium of each part of the beam will be undis-turbed, for each part will be acted upon by a system of forces in equi-librium. Hence the following fun-damental principle is established.
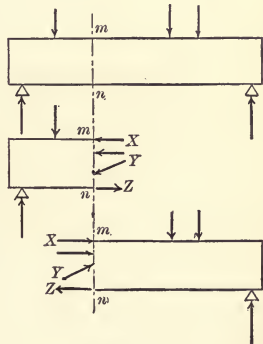
Fig. 17.

The internal stresses in any cross-section of a beam hold in equilibrium the external forces on each side of that section.

This is the most important principle in the theory of flexure. It applies to all beams, whether the cross-section be uniform or variable and whatever be the number of the spans or the nature of the loading.

Thus in the above figure the internal stresses X, Y, Z, etc., hold in equilibrium the loads and reactions on the left of the section, and also those on the right. Considering one part only a system of forces in equilibrium is seen, to which the three necessary and sufficient conditions of statics apply, namely,

Σ of all horizontal components $= 0$,

Σ of all vertical components $= 0$,

Σ of moments of all forces $= 0$.

From these conditions can be deduced three laws concerning the unknown stresses in any section. Whatever be the intensity and direction of these stresses, let each be resolved into its horizontal and vertical components. The horizontal components will be applied at different points in the cross-section,
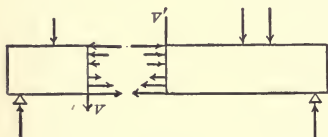
Fig. 18.

some acting in one direction and some in the other, or in other words, some of the horizontal stresses are tensile and some compressive : by the first condition the algebraic sum of these is zero. The vertical components will add together and form a resultant vertical force V which, by the second condition, equals the algebraic sum of the external forces on the left of the section. As this internal force V acts in contrary directions upon the two parts into which the beam is supposed to be separated, it is of the nature of a shear. Hence for any section of any beam the following laws concerning the internal stresses may be stated.

1st. The algebraic sum of the horizontal stresses is zero ; or the sum of the horizontal tensile stresses is equal to the sum of the horizontal compressive stresses.

    2nd. The algebraic sum of the vertical stresses forms a re-
       sultant shear which is equal to the algebraic sum of the
       external vertical forces on either side of the section.
    3rd. The algebraic sum of the moments of the internal
       stresses is equal to the algebraic sum of the moments of
       the external forces on either side of the section.

These three theoretical laws are the foundation of the theory
of the flexure of beams. Their expression may be abbreviated
by introducing the following definitions.

   'Resisting shear' is the name given to the algebraic sum of
the internal vertical stresses in any section, and 'vertical shear'
is the name for the algebraic sum of the external vertical forces
on the left of the section. 'Resisting moment' is the name
given to the algebraic sum of the moments of the internal hori-
zontal stresses with reference to a point in the section, and
'bending moment' is the name for the algebraic sum of the
moments of the external forces on either side of the section
with reference to the same point. Then the three laws may
be thus expressed for any section of any beam,

    Sum of tensile stresses = Sum of compressive stresses.
    Resisting shear   = Vertical shear.
    Resisting moment   = Bending moment.

The second and third of these equations furnish the funda-
mental laws for investigating beams. They state the relations
between the internal stresses in any section and the external
forces on either side of that section. For the sake of uniform-
ity the external forces on the left hand side of the section will
generally be used, as was done in Arts. 17 and 18.

   Prob. 33. A wooden beam 12 × 14 inches and 6 feet long is
sustained at one end by a force of 280 pounds acting at an
angle of 60 degrees with the vertical, and at the other end by a
vertical force Y and a horizontal force X. Find the values of
X and Y.

ART. 20.   EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL LAWS.

From the three necessary conditions of static equilibrium, as stated in Art. 19, three important theoretical laws regarding internal stresses were deduced. These alone, however, are not sufficient for the full investigation of the subject, but recourse must be had to experience and experiment. Experience teaches that when a beam deflects one side becomes concave and the other convex, and it is reasonable to suppose that the horizontal tensile stresses are on the convex side and the compressive stresses on the concave. By experiments on beams this is confirmed and the following laws deduced.

(F)—The horizontal fibers on the convex side are elongated and those on the concave are shortened, while near the center is a 'neutral surface' which is unchanged in length.

(G)—The amount of elongation or compression of any fiber is directly proportional to its distance from the neutral surface. Hence by law (B) the horizontal stresses are also directly proportional to their distances from the neutral surface, provided the elastic limit of the material be not exceeded.

From these laws there will now be deduced the following important theorem regarding the position of the neutral surface:

The neutral surface passes through the centers of gravity of the cross-sections.

To prove this let a be the area of any elementary fiber and z its distance from the neutral surface. Let S be the unit-stress on the fiber most remote from the neutral surface at the distance c. Then by law (G),

$$\frac{S}{c} = \text{unit-stress at the distance unity,}$$

$$\frac{S}{c}z = \text{unit-stress at the distance } z,$$

therefore $\dfrac{S}{c} az$ = the total stress on any fiber of area a,

and $\Sigma\dfrac{Saz}{c}$ = algebraic sum of all horizontal stresses.

But by the first law of Art. 19 this algebraic sum is zero, and since S and c are constants the quantity Σaz is also zero. This, however, is the condition which makes the line of reference pass through the center of gravity as is plain from the definition of the term 'center of gravity.' Therefore, the neutral surface of beams passes through the centers of gravity of the cross-sections.

Fig. 19.

The 'neutral axis' of a cross-section is the line in which the neutral surface intersects the plane of the cross-section. On the left of Fig. 19 is shown the neutral axis of a cross-section and on the right a trace of the neutral surface.
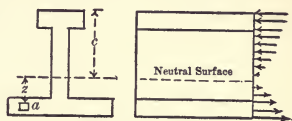
Prob. 34. A beam 3 inches wide and 6 inches deep is loaded so that the unit-stress at the remotest fiber of a certain cross-section is 600 pounds per square inch. Find the sum of all the tensile stresses on the cross-section.

Prob. 35. A wooden beam 6 × 12 inches and five feet long is supported at one end and kept level by two horizontal forces X and Z acting at the other end in the median line of the cross-section, the former at 2 inches from the top and the latter at 2 inches from the base. Find the values of X and Z.

ART. 21.   THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL FORMULAS.

Consider again any beam loaded in any manner and cut at any section by a vertical plane. The internal stresses in that section hold in equilibrium the external forces on the left of

the section, and as shown in Art. 19, the following fundamental laws obtain,

$$\text{Resisting shear} \quad = \text{Vertical shear,}$$
$$\text{Resisting moment} = \text{Bending moment.}$$

The principles established in the preceding pages can now be applied to the algebraic expression of these four quantities.

The resisting shear is the algebraic sum of all the vertical components of the internal stresses at any section of the beam. If A be the area of that section and S_s the shearing unit-stress, regarded as uniform over the area, then from formula (1),

$$\text{Resisting shear} = A S_s.$$

The vertical shear for the same section of the beam being V (Art. 17), the first of the above fundamental laws becomes,

$$(3) \qquad\qquad A S_s = V,$$

which is the first fundamental formula for the discussion of beams.

The resisting moment is the algebraic sum of the moments of the internal horizontal stresses at any section with reference to a point in that section. To find an expression for its value let S be the horizontal unit-stress, tensile or compressive as the case may be, upon the fiber most remote from the neutral axis and let c be the shortest distance from that fiber to said axis. Also let z be the distance from the neutral axis to any fiber having the elementary area a. Then by law (G) and Fig. 19,

$$\frac{S}{c} = \text{unit-stress at a distance unity,}$$

$$\frac{S}{c} z = \text{unit-stress at distance } z,$$

$$\therefore \qquad \frac{aSz}{c} = \text{total stress on any fiber of area } a,$$

and $\dfrac{aSz^2}{c}$ = moment of this stress about neutral axis.

$\therefore$ $\Sigma\dfrac{aSz^2}{c}$ = resisting moment of horizontal stresses.

Since S and c are constants this expression may be written $\dfrac{S}{c}\Sigma az^2$. But Σaz^2, being the sum of the products formed by multiplying each elementary area by the square of its distance from the neutral axis, is the moment of inertia of the cross-section with reference to that axis and may be denoted by I. Therefore,

$$\text{Resisting moment} = \frac{SI}{c}.$$

The bending moment for the same section of the beam being M (Art. 18), the second of the above fundamental laws becomes,

$$(4) \qquad\qquad \frac{SI}{c} = M,$$

which is the second fundamental formula for the discussion of beams.

Experience and experiment teach that simple beams of uniform section break near the middle by the tearing or crushing of the fibers and very rarely at the supports by shearing. Hence it is formula (4) that is mainly needed in the practical investigation of beams. The following example and problem relate to formula (3) only, while formula (4) will receive detailed discussion in the subsequent articles.

As an example, consider a wrought iron I beam 15 feet long and weighing 200 pounds per yard, over which roll two locomotive wheels 6 feet apart and each bearing 12 000 pounds. The maximum vertical shear at the left support will evidently occur when one wheel is at the support (Art. 16). The reaction will then be $500 + 12\,000 + \tfrac{9}{15} \times 12\,000 = 19\,700$ pounds. Accordingly the greatest value of V in the beam is 19 700

pounds.   As the area of the cross-section is 20 square inches
the average shearing unit-stress by formula (3) is 985 pounds,
so that the factor of safety is about 50.

Prob. 36.   A wooden beam 6 × 9 inches and 12 feet in span
carries a uniform load of 20 pounds per foot besides its own
weight and also two wheels 6 feet apart, one weighing 4 000
pounds and the other 3 000 pounds.   Find the factor of safety
against shearing.

ART. 22.   CENTER OF GRAVITY OF CROSS-SECTIONS.

The fundamental formula (4) contains c, the shortest dis-
tance from the remotest part of the cross-section to a hori-
zontal axis passing through the center of gravity of that cross-
section.   The methods of finding c are explained in books on
theoretical mechanics and will not here be repeated.   Its val-
ues for some of the simplest cases are however recorded for
reference.

For a rectangle whose height is d, $c = \frac{1}{2}d.$

For a circle whose diameter is d, $c = \frac{1}{2}d.$

For a triangle whose altitude is d, $c = \frac{2}{3}d.$

For a square with side d having one diagonal
    vertical, $c = d\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

For a I whose depth is d, $c = \frac{1}{2}d.$

For a ⊥ whose depth is d, thickness of flange t,
    width of flange b, and thickness of web t',

$$c = \frac{\frac{1}{2}t'd^2 + t(b - t')(d - \frac{1}{2}t)}{t'd + t(b - t')}$$

For a trapezoid whose depth is d, upper base b,

and lower base b', $c = \frac{b + 2b'}{b + b'} \cdot \frac{d}{3}.$

The student should be prepared to readily apply the principle
of moments to the deduction of the numerical value of c for
any given cross-section.   In nearly all cases the given area
may be divided into rectangles, triangles, and circular areas,

whose centers of gravity are known, so that the statement of the equation for finding c is very simple.

Prob. 37. Find the value of c for a rail headed beam whose section is made up of a rectangular flange $\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ inches, a rectangular web $\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ inches, and an elliptical head $\frac{3}{4}$ inches deep and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.

Art. 23. Moment of Inertia of Cross-Sections.

The fundamental formula (4) contains I, the moment of inertia of the cross-section of the beam with reference to a horizontal axis passing through the center of gravity of that cross-section. Methods of determining I are explained in works on elementary mechanics and will not here be repeated, but the values of some of the most important cases are recorded for reference.

For a rectangle of base b and depth d, $\qquad I = \dfrac{bd^3}{12}.$

For a circle of diameter d, $\qquad I = \dfrac{\pi d^4}{64}.$

For an ellipse with axes a and b, the latter vertical, $\qquad I = \dfrac{\pi ab^3}{64}.$

For a triangle of base b and depth d, $\qquad I = \dfrac{bd^3}{36}.$

For a square with side d, having one diagonal vertical, $\qquad I = \dfrac{d^4}{12}.$

For a I with base b, depth d, thickness of flanges t and thickness of web t',

$$I = \frac{bd^3 - (b - t')(d - 2t)^3}{12}.$$

For a ⊥ with base b, depth d, thickness of flange t, thickness of web t' and area A, $\qquad I = \dfrac{bd^3 - (b - t')(d - t)^3}{3} - Ac^2.$

The value of I for any given section may always be computed by dividing the figure into parts whose moments of inertia are known and transferring these to the neutral axis by means of the familiar rule $I_1 = I_0 + Ah^2$, where I_0 is the primitive value for an axis through the center of gravity, I_1 the value for any parallel axis, A the area of the figure and h the distance between the two axes.

Prob. 38. Compute the least moment of inertia of a trapezoid whose altitude is 3 inches, upper base 2 inches, and lower base 5 inches.

Prob. 39. Find the moment of inertia of a triangle with reference to its base, and also with reference to a parallel axis passing through its vertex.

Art. 24. The Maximum Bending Moment.

The fundamental equation (4), namely $\dfrac{SI}{c} = M$, is true for any section of any beam, I being the moment of inertia of that section about its neutral axis, c the vertical distance from that axis to the remotest fiber, S the tensile or compressive unit-stress on that fiber, and M the bending moment of all the external forces on one side of the section. For a beam of constant cross-section S varies directly as M, and the greatest S will be found where M is a maximum. The place where M has its maximum value may hence be called the 'dangerous section,' it being the section where the horizontal fibers are most highly strained.

For a simple beam uniformly loaded with w pounds per linear unit, the dangerous section is evidently at the middle, and, as shown in Art. 18, the maximum M is $\dfrac{wl^2}{8}$.

For a simple beam loaded with a single weight P at the distance p from the left support, the left reaction is $R = P\dfrac{l-p}{l}$,

and the maximum moment is $\frac{P(l-p)p}{l}$. If P be movable the distance p will be variable, and when the load is at the middle the maximum M is $\frac{1}{4}Pl$.

For a beam loaded with given weights, either uniform or concentrated, it may be shown that the dangerous section is at the point where the vertical shear passes through zero. To prove this let P_1 be any concentrated load on the left of the section and p its distance from the left support, and w the uniform load per linear unit. Then, for any section distant x from the left support,

$$M = R_1 x - wx \cdot \frac{x}{2} - \Sigma P_1(x - p).$$

To find the value of x which renders this a maximum, the first derivative must be put equal to zero; thus,

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = R_1 - wx - \Sigma P_1 = 0.$$

But $R_1 - wx - \Sigma P_1$ is the vertical shear V for the section x (see Art. 17). Therefore the maximum moment occurs at the section where the vertical shear passes through zero.

To find the dangerous section for any given case the reactions are first to be computed by Art. 16, and then the vertical shears are to be investigated by Art. 17. For a cantilever, however it be loaded, it is seen that the vertical shear becomes zero at the wall. For a simple beam with concentrated loads the point where the vertical shear passes through zero must usually be ascertained by trial. Thus, referring to Fig. 9 and the example in Art. 16, the vertical shear just at the left of the first load is $V = 520 - 3 \times 35 = + 415$ pounds, and just at the right of the first load it is $V = 520 - 3 \times 35 - 300 = + 115$ pounds. Again for the second load the vertical shear just at the left is $V = 520 - 5 \times 35 - 300 = + 45$ pounds, and just at the right it is $V = 520 - 5 \times 35 - 360 = - 15$ pounds. Hence in this case the vertical shear changes sign, or passes

through zero, under the second load, and accordingly this is the position of the dangerous section.

When the dangerous section has been found the bending moment for that section is to be computed by the definition of Art. 18, and this will be the maximum bending moment for the beam.   Thus, for the numerical example of the last paragraph, the maximum bending moment is,

$$M = 520 \times 5 - 175 \times 2\tfrac{1}{2} - 300 \times 2 = + 1562.5 \text{ pound-feet.}$$

Again, let a cantilever beam 8 feet long be loaded with 40 pounds per linear foot and carry a weight of 150 pounds at the free end ; then the maximum bending moment is,

$$M = - 320 \times 4 - 150 \times 8 = - 2480 \text{ pound-feet.}$$

The bending moment for simple beams is seen to be always positive and for cantilever beams always negative.   That is to say, in the former case the exterior forces on the left of the section cause compression in the upper and tension in the lower fibers of the beam, while in the latter case this is reversed ; or the upper side of a deflected simple beam is concave and the upper side of a deflected cantilever beam is convex.

Prob. 40. A simple beam 12 feet long carries a load of 150 pounds at 5 feet from the left end and a load of 150 pounds at 5 feet from the right end. Find the dangerous section, and the maximum bending moment.

Prob. 41. A simple beam 12 feet long weighs 20 pounds per foot and carries a load of 100 pounds at 4 feet from the left end and a load of 50 pounds at 7 feet from the left end.   Find the dangerous section, and the maximum bending moment.

ART. 25.   THE INVESTIGATION OF BEAMS.

The investigation of a beam consists in deducing the greatest horizontal unit-stress S in the beam from the fundamental formula (4).   This may be written,

$$S = \frac{Mc}{I}.$$

First, from the given dimensions find, by Art. 22, the value of c and by Art. 23 the value of I.   Then by Art. 24 determine the value of maximum M.   From (4) the value of S is now known. Usually c and I are taken in inches, and M in pound-inches ; then the value of S will be in pounds per square inch.

The value of S will be tension or compression according as the remotest fiber lies on the concave or convex side of the beam. If S' be the unit-stress on the opposite side of the beam and c' the distance from the neutral axis, then from law (G),

$$\frac{S}{c} = \frac{S'}{c'} \qquad \text{and} \qquad S' = S\frac{c'}{c}.$$

If S be tension, S' will be compression, and *vice versa*.   Sometimes it is necessary to compute S' as well as S in order to thoroughly investigate the stability of the beam.   By comparing the values of S and S' with the proper working unit-stresses for the given materials (Art. 8), the degree of security of the beam may be inferred.

As an example consider a wrought iron I beam whose depth is 12 inches, width of flange 4.5 inches, thickness of flange 1 inch and thickness of web 0.78 inches.   It is supported at its ends forming a span of 12 feet, and carries two loads each weighing 10 000 pounds, one being at the middle and the other at one foot from the right end.

By Art. 1, $\dot{w} = 56$ pounds per linear foot.
By Art. 16, $R = 6169$ pounds.
By Art. 22, $c = 6$ inches.
By Art. 23, $I = 338$ inches'.
By Art. 24, $x = 6$ feet for dangerous section.
By Art. 24,   max. $M = 36\,006 \times 12$ pound-inches.

Then from formula (4) the unit-stress at the dangerous section is,

$$S = \frac{36\,000 \times 12 \times 6}{338} = 7\,700 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

This is the compressive unit-stress on the upper fiber and also the tensile unit-stress on the lower fiber, and being only about one-third of the elastic limit for wrought iron and about one-seventh of the ultimate strength it appears that the beam is entirely safe for steady loads (Art. 8). It will usually be best in solving problems to insert all the numerical values at first in the formula and thus obtain the benefit of cancellation.

A short beam heavily loaded should also be investigated for the shearing stress at the supports in the manner mentioned in Art. 21, but in ordinary cases there is little danger from this cause. Thus for the above example the maximum vertical shear occurs at the right end and is 14 500 pounds; as the area of the cross-section is 16.8 square inches, the mean shearing unit-stress at the right end is from (3),

$$S_c = \frac{14\,500}{16.8} = 863 \text{ pounds per square inch,}$$

so that the factor of safety against shearing is nearly 60.

Prob. 42. A piece of scantling 2 inches square and 10 feet long is hung horizontally by a rope at each end and three painters stand upon it. Is it safe?

Prob. 43. A wrought iron bar one inch in diameter and two feet long is supported at its middle and a load of 500 pounds hung upon each end of it. Find its factor of safety.

ART. 26.   SAFE LOADS FOR BEAMS.

The proper load for a beam should not make the value of S at the dangerous section greater than the allowable unit-stress. This allowable unit-stress or working strength is to be assumed according to the circumstances of the case by first selecting a suitable factor of safety from Art. 8 and dividing the ultimate strength of the material by it, the least ultimate strength whether tensile or compressive being taken. For any given beam the quantities I and c are known. Then, by the general formula (4),

the bending moment M may be expressed in terms of the unknown loads on the beam, and thus those loads be found. The sign of the bending moment should not be used in (4), since that sign merely denotes whether the upper fiber of the beam is in tension or compression, or indicates the direction in which the external forces tend to bend it.

As an example, consider a cantilever beam whose length is 6 feet, breadth 2 inches, depth 3 inches and which is loaded uniformly with w pounds per linear foot. It is required to find the value of w so that S may be 800 pounds per square inch. Here $c = 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, $I = \frac{54}{12}$, and $M = 36 \times 6w$. Then from formula (4),

$$216w = \frac{800 \times 54}{1\frac{1}{2} \times 12}, \qquad \text{whence} \qquad w = 11 \text{ pounds.}$$

Since a wooden beam 2×3 inches weighs about 2 pounds per linear foot, the safe load in this case will be about 9 pounds per foot.

Prob. 44. A wooden beam 8×9 inches and of 14 feet span carries a load, including its own weight, of w pounds per linear foot. Find the value of w for a factor of safety of 10.

Prob. 45. A steel railroad rail of 2 feet span carries a load P at the middle. If its weight per yard is 56 pounds, $I = 12.9$ inches[4] and $c = 2.16$ inches, find P so that the greatest horizontal unit-stress at the dangerous section shall be 6 000 pounds per square inch.

ART. 27. DESIGNING OF BEAMS.

When a beam is to be designed the loads to which it is to be subjected are known, as also is its length. Thus the maximum bending moment may be found. The allowable working strength S is assumed in accordance with engineering practice. Then formula (4) may be written,

$$\frac{I}{c} = \frac{M}{S},$$

and the numerical value of the second member be found. The dimensions to be chosen for the beam must give a value of $\dfrac{I}{c}$ equal to this numerical value, and these in general are determined tentatively, certain proportions being first assumed. The selection of the proper proportions and shapes of beams for different cases requires much judgment and experience. But whatever forms be selected they must in each case be such as to satisfy the above equation.

For instance, a wrought iron beam of 4 feet span is required to carry a rolling load of 500 pounds. Here, by Art. 24, the value of maximum M due to the load of 500 pounds is 6 000 pound-inches. From Art. 8 the value of S for a variable load is about 10 000 pounds per square inch. Then,

$$\frac{I}{c} = \frac{6\,000}{10\,000} = 0.6 \text{ inches}^3.$$

An infinite number of cross-sections may be selected with this value of $\dfrac{I}{c}$. If the beam is to be round and of diameter d, it is known that $c = \frac{1}{2}d$ and $I = \dfrac{\pi d^4}{64}$. Hence,

$$\frac{\pi d^3}{32} = 0.6, \qquad \text{whence} \qquad d = 1.83 \text{ inches.}$$

If the cross-section is to be rectangular, the dimensions 1×2 inches would give the value of $\dfrac{I}{c}$ as $\frac{2}{3}$ which would be a little too large, but it would be well to use it because the weight of the beam itself has not been considered in the discussion. If thought necessary these dimensions may now be investigated by Art. 25 in order to determine how closely the actual unit-stress agrees with the value assumed. Thus the rectangular section 1×2 inches weighs $6\frac{2}{3}$ pounds per foot ; the maximum

bending moment is then 6 160 pound-inches, and the unit-stress is found to be 9 240 pounds per square inch.

Prob. 46. Design a hollow circular wrought iron beam for a span of 12 feet to carry a load of 320 pounds per linear foot.

Prob. 47. A rectangular wooden beam of 14 feet span carries a load of 1 000 pounds at its middle. If its width is 4 inches find its depth for a factor of safety of 10.

ART. 28. THE MODULUS OF RUPTURE.

The fundamental formula (4) is only true for stresses within the elastic limit, since beyond that limit the law (G) does not hold, and the horizontal unit-stresses are no longer proportional to their distances from the neutral axis, but increase in a more rapid ratio. The sketch shows a case where the fiber stresses above m and below n have

Fig. 20.

surpassed the elastic limit. It is however very customary in practical computations to apply (4) to the rupture of beams.
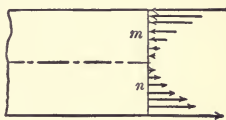
The 'modulus of rupture' is the value of S deduced from formula (4) when the beam is loaded up to the breaking point. It is always found by experiment that the modulus of rupture does not agree with either the ultimate tensile or compressive strength of the material but is intermediate between them. If formula (4) were valid beyond the elastic limit, the value of S for rupture would agree with the least ultimate strength, with tension in the case of cast iron and with compression in the case of timber. The modulus of rupture is denoted by S_r.

The average values of the modulus of rupture are given in the following table, which also contains the average ultimate tensile and compressive strengths, previously stated in Arts. 5 and 6, all in pounds per square inch.

Material.	Tensile Strength, S_t.	Modulus of Rupture, S_r.	Compressive Strength, S_c.
Timber	10 000	9 000	8 000
Brick		800	2 500
Stone		2 000	6 000
Cast Iron	20 000	35 000	90 000
Wrought Iron	55 000	55 000	55 000
Steel	100 000	120 000	150 000

By the use of the experimental values of the modulus of rupture it is easy with the help of formula (4) to determine what load will cause the rupture of a given beam, or what must be its length or size in order that it may rupture under assigned loads. The formula when used in this manner is entirely empirical and has no rational basis.

Prob. 48. What must be the size of a square wooden beam of 8 feet span in order to break under its own weight?

Prob. 49. A cast iron cantilever beam 2 inches square and 6 feet long carries a load P at the end. Find the value of P to cause rupture.

ART. 29. COMPARATIVE STRENGTHS.

The strength of a beam is measured by the load that it can carry. Let it be required to determine the relative strength of the four following cases,

> 1st, A cantilever loaded at the end with W,
> 2nd, A cantilever uniformly loaded with W,
> 3rd, A simple beam loaded at the middle with W,
> 4th, A simple beam loaded uniformly with W.

Let l be the length in each case. Then, from Art. 24 and formula (4),

$$\text{For 1st,} \quad M = Wl \quad \text{and hence} \quad W = \frac{SI}{lc}.$$

For 2nd, $M = \dfrac{Wl}{2}$ and hence $W = 2\dfrac{SI}{lc}$.

For 3rd, $M = \dfrac{Wl}{4}$ and hence $W = 4\dfrac{SI}{lc}$.

For 4th, $M = \dfrac{Wl}{8}$ and hence $W = 8\dfrac{SI}{lc}$.

Therefore the comparative strengths of the four cases are as the numbers 1, 2, 4, 8. That is, if four such beams be of equal size and length and of the same material, the 2nd is twice as strong as the 1st, the 3rd four times as strong, and the 4th eight times as strong. From these equations also result the following important laws.

> The strength of a beam varies directly as S, directly as I, inversely as c, and inversely as the length l.

> A load uniformly distributed produces only one-half as much stress as the same load when concentrated.

These apply to all cantilever and simple beams whatever be the shape of the cross-section.

When the cross-section is rectangular, let b be the breadth and d the depth, then (Art. 23) the above equations become,

$$W = n\frac{Sbd^2}{6l},$$

where n is either 1, 2, 4, or 8, as the case may be. Therefore,

> The strength of a rectangular beam varies directly as the breadth and directly as the square of the depth.

The reason why rectangular beams are put with the greatest dimensions vertical is now apparent.

To find the strongest rectangular beam that can be cut from a circular log of given diameter D, it is necessary to make bd^2 a maximum. Or the value of b is to be found which makes $b\,(D^2 - b^2)$ a maximum. By placing the first derivative equal to zero this value of b is readily found. Thus,

$$b = D\sqrt{\tfrac{1}{3}} \qquad \text{and} \qquad d = D\sqrt{\tfrac{2}{3}}.$$

Hence very nearly, $b:d::5:7$.   From this it is evident

Fig. 21.

that the way to lay off the strongest beam on the end of a circular log is to divide the diameter into three equal parts, from the points of division draw perpendiculars to the circumference, and then join the points of intersection with the ends of the diameter, as shown in the figure. The beam thus cut out is, of course, not as strong as the log, and the ratio of the strength of the beam to that of the log is that of their values of $\dfrac{I}{c}$, which will be found to be about 0.65.
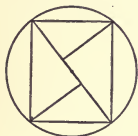
Prob. 50. Compare the strength of a rectangular beam 2 inches wide and 4 inches deep with that of a circular beam 3 inches in diameter.

Prob. 51. Compare the strength of a wooden beam 4×6 inches and 10 feet span with that of a wrought iron beam 1×2 inches and 7 feet span.

ART. 30.   WROUGHT IRON I BEAMS.

Wrought iron I beams are rolled at present in about thirteen different depths or sizes; of each there is a light and a heavy

Fig. 22.

weight, and weights intermediate in value may also be obtained.   They are extensively used in engineering and architecture.   The following table gives mean sizes, weights, and moments of inertia of wrought iron beams most commonly found in the market. The sizes of different manufacturers agree as to depth, but vary slightly with regard to proportions of cross-section, weights per foot, and moments of inertia.   Fig. 22 shows the proportions of the light and heavy 6 inch beams.   The cross-section of any beam in the table is obtained from its weight per
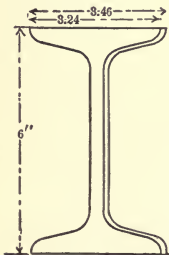
foot by multiplying by 3 and dividing by 10, in accordance with the rule of Art. 1.

The moments of inertia in the fourth column of the table are taken about an axis perpendicular to the web at the center, this being the neutral axis of the cross-section when used as a beam. The values of I' are with reference to an axis coinciding with the center line of the web and are for use in Chapter V.

Size. Depth. Inches.		Width of Flange. Inches.	Weight per foot. Pounds.	I. Inches⁴.	$\frac{I}{c}$. Inches³.	I'. Inches⁴.
Heavy	15	5.81	80	750	100.	29.9
Light	15	5.55	67	677	90.3	25.4
H	15	5.33	65	614	81.9	20.0
L	15	5.03	50	530	70.6	16.3
H	12	5.09	60	340	56.7	15.5
L	12	4.64	42	275	45.9	11.0
H	10½	4.92	45	201	38.3	10.7
L	10½	4.54	31½	165	31.4	8.01
H	10	4.77	45	187	37.5	11.3
L	10	4.32	30	150	30.0	7.94
H	9	4.33	33	117	26.0	7.14
L	9	4.01	23½	97.5	21.7	5.48
H	8	4.29	35	90.4	22.6	6.96
L	8	3.81	22	69.6	17.5	4.57
H	7	3.91	25	54.3	15.5	4.87
L	7	3.61	18	45.8	13.1	3.72
H	6	3.46	18	28.4	9.48	2.51
L	6	3.24	13½	24.5	8.16	2.00
H	5	2.91	13	14.2	5.69	1.34
L	5	2.73	10	12.3	4.94	1.08
H	4	2.63	10	6.99	3.50	0.87
L	4	2.48	8	6.19	3.10	0.71
H	3	2.52	9	3.54	2.36	0.84
L	3	2.32	7	3.09	2.06	0.55

In investigating the strength of a given I beam the value of $\frac{I}{c}$ is taken from the table and S is computed from formula (4). In designing an I beam for a given span and loads the value of $\frac{I}{c}$ is found by (4) from the data and then from the table that I is selected which has the nearest or next highest corresponding value. Intermediate weights between those given in the table can also usually be obtained; thus, if the computed value of $\frac{I}{c}$ should be 34.0 a 10-inch beam weighing about 38 pounds per foot might be chosen.

For example, let it be required to determine which I should be selected for a floor loaded with 150 pounds per square foot, the beams to be of 20 feet span and spaced 12 feet apart between centers, and the maximum unit-stress S to be 12 000 pounds per square inch. Here the uniform load on the beam is $12 \times 20 \times 150 = 36\,000$ pounds $= W$. From formula (4),

$$\frac{I}{c} = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{36\,000 \times 20 \times 12}{8 \times 12\,000} = 90.$$

and hence from the table, the light 15 inch I should be selected.

Steel I beams and other shapes are now beginning to be used, and will undoubtedly be very common in a few years.

Prob. 52. A heavy 15 inch I beam of 12 feet span sustains a uniformly distributed load of 41 net tons. Find its factor of safety. Also the factor of safety for a 24 feet span under the same load.

Prob. 53. A floor, which is to sustain a uniform load of 175 pounds per square foot, is to be supported by heavy 10 inch I beams of 15 feet span. Find their proper distance apart from center to center so that the maximum fiber stress may be 12 000 pounds per square inch.

ART. 31. WROUGHT IRON DECK BEAMS.

Deck beams are used in the construction of buildings, and are of a section such as shown in Fig. 23. The heads are formed with arcs of circles but may be taken as elliptical in computing the values of c and I. The following table gives dimensions of a few wrought iron sections found in the market.

By means of formula (4) a given deck beam may be investigated or safe loads be determined for it, or one may be selected for a given load and span. Sometimes T irons are used instead of deck beams; the values of c and I for these are given in the handbooks issued by the manufacturers, or they may be computed with an accuracy usually sufficient by regarding the web and flange as rectangular (Arts. 22 and 23).
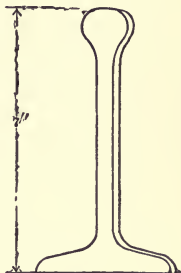
Fig. 23.

Size. Depth. Inches.		Width of Flange. Inches.	Thickness of Web. Inches.	Weight per ft. Pounds.	c. Inches.	I. Inches⁴.	$\frac{I}{c}$. Inches³.
Heavy	9	3.97	0.625	30	4.59	91.9	20.0
Light	9	3.75	0.406	23½	4.60	78.6	17.1
H	8	4.00	0.750	28	4.49	63.3	14.1
L	8	3.75	0.500	21½	4.58	52.1	11.6
H	7	3.75	0.625	23	3.98	43.0	10.8
L	7	3.50	0.375	17	4.00	34.4	8.6

Prob. 54. A heavy 7 inch deck beam is loaded uniformly with 50 000 pounds. Find its factor of safety for a span of 22 feet. Also for a span of 11 feet.

Prob. 55. What uniform load should be placed upon a heavy 7 inch deck beam of 22 feet span so that the greatest unit-stress at the dangerous section may be 12 000 pounds per square inch?

Art. 32. Cast Iron Beams.

Wrought iron beams are usually made with equal flanges since the resistance of wrought iron is about the same for both tension and compression. For cast iron, however, the flange under tension should be larger than that under compression, since the tensile resistance of the material is much less than its compressive resistance. Let S' be the unit-stress on the remotest fiber on the tensile side and S that on the compressive side, at the distances c' and c respectively from the neutral axis. Then, from law (G),

$$\frac{c}{c'} = \frac{S}{S'}.$$

Now if the working values of S and S' can be selected the ratio of c to c' is known and a cross-section can be designed, but it is difficult to assign these proper values on account of our lack of knowledge regarding the elastic limits of cast iron.

According to Hodgkinson's investigations the following are dimensions for a cast iron beam of equal ultimate strength.

Thickness of web	$=$	t,
Depth of beam	$=$	$13.5t$,
Width of tensile flange	$=$	$12t$,
Thickness of tensile flange	$=$	$2t$,
Width of compressive flange	$=$	$5t$,
Thickness of compressive flange	$=$	$1\frac{1}{3}t$,
Value of c	$=$	$9t$,
Value of I	$=$	$923t^4$.

Here the unit-stress in the tensile flange is one-half that in the compressive flange. Although these proportions may be such as to allow the simultaneous rupture of the flanges, yet it does not necessarily follow that they are the best proportions for ordinary working stresses, since the factors of safety in the flanges as computed by the use of formula (4) would be quite different. The proper relative proportions of the flanges of

cast iron beams for safe working stresses have never been definitely established, and on account of the extensive use of wrought iron the question is not now so important as formerly.

As an illustration of the application of formula (4) let it be required to determine the total uniform load W for a cast iron ⊥ beam of 14 feet span, so that the factor of safety may be 6, the depth of the beam being 18 inches, the width of the flange 12 inches, the thickness of the stem 1 inch, and the thickness of the flange $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches. First, from Art. 22 the value of c is found to be 12.63 inches, and that of c' to be 5.37 inches. From Art. 23 the value of I is computed to be 1 031 inches⁴. From Art. 24 the maximum bending moment is,

$$M = \frac{wl}{8} = 21\,W \text{ pound-inches.}$$

Now with a factor of safety of 6 the working strength S on the remotest fiber of the stem of the dangerous section is to be $\frac{90\,000}{6}$ pounds per square inch. Hence from formula (4),

$$21\,W = \frac{90\,000 \times 1\,031}{6 \times 12.63}, \quad \text{whence} \quad W = 58\,300 \text{ pounds.}$$

Again with a factor of safety of 6 the working strength S' on the remotest fiber of the flange at the dangerous section is to be $\frac{20\,000}{6}$ pounds per square inch. Hence from the formula,

$$21\,W = \frac{20\,000 \times 1\,031}{6 \times 5.37}, \quad \text{whence} \quad W = 30\,400 \text{ pounds.}$$

The total uniform load on the beam should hence not exceed 30 400 pounds. Under this load the factor of safety on the tensile side is 6, while on the compressive side it is nearly 12.

Prob. 56. A cast iron beam in the form of a channel, or hollow half rectangle, is often used in buildings. Suppose the thickness to be uniformly one inch, the base 8 inches, the height

6 inches and the span 12 feet.   Find the values of S and S' at the dangerous section under a uniform load of 5 000 pounds.

ART. 33.   GENERAL EQUATION OF THE ELASTIC CURVE.

When a beam bends under the action of exterior forces the curve assumed by its neutral surface is called the elastic curve. It is required to deduce a general expression for its equation.

Let pp in the figure be any normal section in any beam. Let mn be any short length dl, measured on the neutral surface,
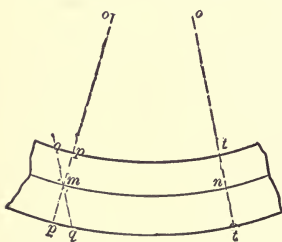
Fig. 24.

and let qmq be drawn parallel to the normal section through n. Previous to the bending the sections pp and tt were parallel; now they intersect at o the center of curvature.   Previous to the bending pt was equal to dl, now it has elongated or shortened the amount pq.   The distance pq will be called λ and the dis-

tance mp is the quantity c (Art. 22).   The elongation λ is produced by the unit-stress S, and from (2) its value is,

$$\lambda = \frac{Sdl}{E},$$

where E is the coefficient of elasticity of the material of the beam.   From the similar figures omn and mpq,

$$\frac{om}{mn} = \frac{mp}{pq}, \qquad \text{or} \qquad \frac{R}{dl} = \frac{c}{\lambda},$$

where R is the radius of curvature om.   Inserting in this the above value of λ, it becomes,

$$\frac{S}{c} = \frac{E}{R}.$$

But the fundamental formula (4) may be written in the form

$$\frac{S}{c} = \frac{M}{I}.$$

and hence, by comparison,

$$M = \frac{EI}{R}.$$

This is the formula which gives the relation between the bending moment of the exterior forces and the radius of curvature at any section. Where M is o the radius R is ∞; where M is a maximum R has its least value.

Now, in works on the differential calculus, the following value is deduced for the radius of curvature of any plane curve whose abscissa is x, ordinate y, and length l, namely,

$$R = \frac{dl^2}{dx \cdot d^2y}.$$

Hence the most general equation of the elastic curve is,

$$\frac{dl^2}{dx \cdot d^2y} = \frac{EI}{M},$$

which applies to the flexure of all bodies governed by the laws of Arts. 3 and 20.

In discussing a beam the axis of x is taken as horizontal and that of y as vertical. Experience teaches us that the length of a small part of a bent beam does not materially differ from that of its horizontal projection. Hence dl may be placed equal to dx for all beams, and the above equation reduces to the form,

$$(5) \qquad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI}.$$

This is the general equation of the elastic curve, applicable to all beams whatever be their shapes, loads or number of spans. M is the bending moment of the external forces for any sec-

tion whose abscissa is x, and whose moment of inertia with respect to the neutral axis is I. Unless otherwise stated I will be regarded as constant, that is, the cross-section of the beam is constant throughout its length.

To obtain the particular equation of the elastic curve for any special case, it is first necessary to express M as a function of x and then integrate the general equation twice. The ordinate y will then be known for any value of x. It should, however, be borne in mind that formula (5), like formula (4), is only true when the unit-stress S is less than the elastic limit of the material.

Prob. 57. A wooden beam $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep, and 3 feet span carries a load of 14 pounds at the middle. Find the radius of curvature for the middle, quarter points, and ends.

ART. 34. DEFLECTION OF CANTILEVER BEAMS.

Case I. A load at the free end.—Take the origin of co-ordi-

Fig. 25.

nates at the free end, and as in Fig. 25, let m be any point of the elastic curve whose abscissa is x and ordinate y.
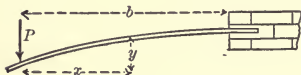
For this point the bending moment M is $-Px$ and the general formula (5) becomes,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -Px.$$

By integration the first derivative is found to be

$$EI\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{Px^2}{2} + C.$$

But $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is the tangent of the angle which the tangent to the elastic curve at m makes with the axis of x, and as the beam is

fixed at the wall the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is o when x equals l. Hence $C = \frac{1}{2}Pl^2$, and the first differential equation is,

$$EI\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{Pl^2}{2} - \frac{Px^2}{2}.$$

The second integration now gives,

$$EIy = \frac{Pl^2x}{2} - \frac{Px^3}{6} + C'.$$

But $y = 0$, when $x = 0$. Hence $C' = 0$, and

$$6EIy = P(3l^2x - x^3),$$

which is the equation of the elastic curve for a cantilever of length l with a load P at the free end. If $x = l$ the value of y will be the maximum deflection, which may be represented by $\varDelta$. Then,

$$\varDelta = \frac{Pl^3}{3EI},$$

and for any point of the beam the deflection is $\varDelta - y$.

Case II. A uniform load.—Let the origin be taken at the free end as before, and x and y be the co-ordinates of any point of the elastic curve. Let the load per linear unit be w. Then for

Fig. 26.

any section $M = -\frac{1}{2}wx^2$ and formula (5) becomes,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{wx^2}{2}.$$

Integrate this, determine the constant of integration by the consideration that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = l$, and then,

$$6EI\frac{dy}{dx} = wl^3 - wx^3.$$
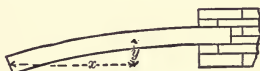
Integrate again, and after determining the constant, the equation of the elastic curve is,

$$24EIy = w(4l^3x - x^4),$$

which is a biquadratic parabola. For $x = l$, $y = \Delta$ the maximum deflection, whose value is,

$$\Delta = \frac{wl^4}{8EI} = \frac{Wl^3}{8EI},$$

where W is the total uniform load on the cantilever.

Case III. A load at the free end and also a uniform load.—Here it is easy to show that the maximum deflection is

$$\Delta = \frac{8Pl^3 + 3Wl^3}{24EI},$$

which is the sum of the deflections due to the two loads. Hence it appears that, as in cases of stress, each load produces its effect independently of the other.

In order that the formulas for deflection may be true, the maximum unit-stress S produced by all the loads must not exceed the elastic limit of the material.

Prob. 58. Compute the deflection of a cast iron cantilever beam, 2 × 2 inches and 6 feet span, caused by a load of 100 pounds at the end.

Prob. 59. In order to find the coefficient of elasticity of a cast iron bar 2 inches wide, 4 inches deep, and 6 feet long, it was balanced upon a support and a weight of 4 000 pounds hung at each end, causing a deflection of 0.401 inches. Compute the value of E.

ART. 35. DEFLECTION OF SIMPLE BEAMS.

The deflection of a simple beam due to a load at the middle, or to a uniform load, is readily obtained from the expressions just deduced for cantilever beams. Thus, for a simple beam of span l with a load P at the middle, if Fig. 27 be inverted it

will be seen to be equivalent to two cantilever beams of length $\frac{1}{2}l$ with a load $\frac{1}{2}P$ at each end.   The formula for the maximum deflection of a cantilever beam hence applies to this figure, if l be replaced by $\frac{1}{2}l$ and P by $\frac{1}{2}P$, which gives $\varDelta = \dfrac{Pl^3}{48EI}$ for the deflection at the middle of the simple beam.   It will be well, however, to use the general formula (5) and treat each case independently.

Case I. A single load P at the middle.—Let the origin be taken at the left support.   For any section between the left support and the middle the bending moment M is $\frac{1}{2}Px$.
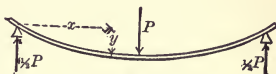
Fig. 27.

Then the general formula (5) becomes,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{Px}{2}.$$

Integrate this and find the constant by the fact that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = \frac{1}{2}$.   Then integrate again and find the constant by the fact that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$.   Thus,

$$48EIy = P(4x^3 - 3l^2x),$$

is the equation of elastic curve between the left hand support and the load.   For the greatest deflection make $x = \frac{1}{2}l$, then,

$$\varDelta = \frac{Pl^3}{48EI}.$$

Case II. A uniform load.—Let w be the load per linear unit, then the formula (5) becomes,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{wlx}{2} - \frac{wx^2}{2}.$$

Integrate this twice, find the constants as in the preceding paragraph, and the equation of the elastic curve is,

$$24EIy = w(-x^4 + 2lx^3 - l^3x),$$

from which the maximum deflection is found to be,

$$\Delta = \frac{5wl^4}{384EI} = \frac{5Wl^3}{384EI}.$$

Case III. A load P at any point.—Here it is necessary first to consider that there are two elastic curves, one on each side

Fig. 28.

of the load, which have distinct equations, but which have a common tangent and ordinate under the load. As in Fig. 25, let the load be placed at a distance kl from the left support, k being a number less than unity. Then the left reaction is $R = P(1 - k)$. From the general formula (5), with the origin at the left support, the equations are,
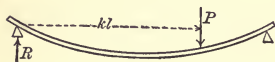
On the left of the load,

$$(a) \qquad EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = Rx,$$

$$(b) \qquad EI\frac{dy}{dx} = \tfrac{1}{2}Rx^2 + C_1,$$

$$(c) \qquad EIy = \tfrac{1}{6}Rx^3 + C_1x + C_2.$$

On the right of the load,

$$(a)' \qquad EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = Rx - P(x - kl),$$

$$(b)' \qquad EI\frac{dy}{dx} = \tfrac{1}{2}Rx^2 - \tfrac{1}{2}Px^2 + Pklx + C_3,$$

$$(c)' \qquad EIy = \tfrac{1}{6}Rx^3 - \tfrac{1}{6}Px^3 + \tfrac{1}{2}Pklx^2 + C_3x + C_4.$$

To determine the constants consider in (c) that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$, and hence that $C_2 = 0$. Also in $(c)'$, $y = 0$ when $x = l$; again since the curves have a common tangent under the load, $(b) = (b)'$ when $x = kl$, and since they have a common ordinate at that point $(c) = (c)'$ when $x = kl$. Or,

$$0 = \tfrac{1}{6}Rl^3 - \tfrac{1}{6}Pl^3 + \tfrac{1}{2}Pkl^3 + C_3l + C_4,$$
$$\tfrac{1}{2}Rk^2l^2 + C_1 = \tfrac{1}{2}Rk^2l^2 - \tfrac{1}{2}Pk^2l^2 + Pk^2l^2 + C_3,$$
$$\tfrac{1}{6}Rk^3l^3 + C_1kl = \tfrac{1}{6}Rk^3l^3 - \tfrac{1}{6}Pk^3l^3 + \tfrac{1}{2}Pk^3l^3 + C_3kl + C_4.$$

From these three equations the values of C_1, C_2, and C_4 are found. Then the equation of the elastic curve on the left of the load is,

$$6EIy = P(1 - k)x^3 - P(2k - 3k^2 + k^3)l^2x.$$

To find the maximum deflection, the value of x which renders y a maximum is to be obtained by equating the first derivative to zero. If k be greater than $\frac{1}{2}$, this value of x inserted in the above equation gives the maximum deflection; if k be less than $\frac{1}{2}$, the maximum deflection is on the other side of the load. For instance, if $k = \frac{3}{4}$, the equation of the elastic curve on the left of the load is,

$$384EIy = 16Px^3 - 15Pl^2x.$$

This is a maximum when $x = 0.56l$, which is the point of greatest deflection.

Prob. 60. Prove, when k is greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ in Fig. 28, that the maximum deflection is $\Delta = \dfrac{Pl^3}{3EI}(1 - k)(\frac{2}{3}k - \frac{1}{3}k^3)^{\frac{3}{2}}$.

Prob. 61. In order to find the coefficient of elasticity of Quercus alba a bar 4 centimeters square and one meter long was supported at the ends and loaded in the middle with weights of 50 and 100 kilograms when the deflections were found to be 6.6 and 13.0 millimeters. Show that the mean value of E was 74 500 kilos per square centimeter.

ART. 36. COMPARATIVE DEFLECTION AND STIFFNESS.

From the two preceding articles the following values of the maximum deflections may now be written and their comparison will show the relative stiffness of the different cases.

For a cantilever loaded at the end with W, $\quad \Delta = \dfrac{1}{3} \cdot \dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$.

For a cantilever uniformly loaded with W, $\Delta = \dfrac{1}{8} \cdot \dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$.

For a simple beam loaded at middle with W, $\Delta = \dfrac{1}{48} \cdot \dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$.

For a simple beam uniformly loaded with W, $\Delta = \dfrac{5}{384} \cdot \dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$.

The relative deflections of these four cases are hence as the numbers 1, $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{16}$, and $\frac{5}{128}$.

These equations also show that the deflections vary directly as the load, directly as the cube of the length, and inversely as E and I. For a rectangular beam $I = \dfrac{bd^3}{12}$, and hence the deflection of a rectangular beam is inversely as its breadth and inversely as the cube of its depth.

The stiffness of a beam is indicated by the load that it can carry with a given deflection. From the above it is seen that the value of the load is,

$$W = \frac{mEI\Delta}{l^3},$$

where m has the value 3, 8, 48, or $\frac{384}{5}$ as the case may be. Therefore, the stiffness of a beam varies directly as E, directly as I, and inversely as the cube of its length, and the relative stiffness of the above four cases is as the numbers 1, $2\frac{2}{3}$, 16, and $25\frac{3}{5}$. From this it appears that the laws of stiffness are very different from those of strength. (Art. 29.)

Prob. 62. Compare the strength and stiffness of a joist 3×8 inches when laid with flat side vertical and when laid with narrow side vertical.

Prob. 63. Find the thickness of a white pine plank of 8 feet span required not to bend more than $\frac{1}{480}$th of its length under a head of water of 20 feet.

ART. 37. RELATION BETWEEN DEFLECTION AND STRESS.

Let the four cases discussed in Arts. 29 and 36 be again considered. For the strength,

$$W = n \frac{SI}{lc}, \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 4, \text{ or } 8.$$

For the stiffness,

$$W = m \frac{EI\Delta}{l^3}, \quad \text{where } m = 3, 8, 48, \text{ or } 76\tfrac{4}{5}.$$

By equating these values of W the relation between Δ and S is obtained, thus,

$$S = \frac{mEc\Delta}{nl^2}, \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta = \frac{nl^2 S}{mcE}.$$

These equations, like the general formula (4) and (5), are only valid when S is less than the elastic limit of the materials.

This also shows that the maximum deflection Δ varies as $\dfrac{l^2}{c}$ for beams of the same material under the same unit-stress S.

From the preceding articles the following table may also be compiled which exhibits the most important results relating to both absolute and relative strength and stiffness.

Case.	Max. Vertical Shear.	Max. Bending Moment.	Max. Stress S.	Max. Deflection.	Relative Strength.	Relative Stiffness.
Cantilever loaded at end,	W	Wl	$\dfrac{Wlc}{I}$	$\dfrac{1}{3}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	1	1
Cantilever loaded uniformly,	W	$\tfrac{1}{2}Wl$	$\dfrac{Wlc}{2I}$	$\dfrac{1}{8}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	2	$2\tfrac{2}{5}$
Simple beam loaded at middle,	$\tfrac{1}{2}W$	$\tfrac{1}{4}Wl$	$\dfrac{Wlc}{4I}$	$\dfrac{1}{48}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	4	16
Simple beam loaded uniformly,	$\tfrac{1}{2}W$	$\tfrac{1}{8}Wl$	$\dfrac{Wlc}{8I}$	$\dfrac{5}{384}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	8	$25\tfrac{3}{5}$

Here the signs of the maximum shears and moments are omitted as only their absolute values are needed in computations. Evidently the moments are negative for the first and second cases, and positive for the third and fourth, the direction of the curvature being different.

Prob. 64. Find the deflection of a wrought iron I heavy 10 inch beam of 9 feet span when strained by a uniform load up to the elastic limit.

Prob. 65. A wooden beam of breadth b, depth d, and span x is loaded with P at the middle. Find the value of x so that rupture may occur under the load. Find also the value of x so that rupture may occur by shearing at the supports.

Art. 38. Cantilever Beams of Uniform Strength.

All cases thus far discussed have been of constant cross-section throughout their entire length. But in the general formula (4) the unit-stress S is proportional to the bending moment M, and hence varies throughout the beam in the same way as the moments vary. Hence some parts of the beam are but slightly strained in comparison with the dangerous section.

A beam of uniform strength is one so shaped that the unit-stress S is the same in all fibers at the upper and lower surfaces. Hence to ascertain the form of such a beam the unit-stress S in (4) must be taken as constant and $\frac{I}{c}$ be made to vary with M. The discussion will be given only for the most important practical cases, namely, those where the sections are rectangular. For these $\frac{I}{c}$ equals $\frac{bd^2}{6}$, and formula (4) becomes,

$$\frac{Sbd^2}{6} = M.$$

In this bd^2 must vary with M for forms of uniform strength.

For a cantilever beam with a load P at the end, $M = Px$ and the equation becomes $\frac{1}{6}Sbd^2 = Px$, in which P and S are constant. If the breadth be taken as constant, d^2 varies with x and the profile is that of a parabola whose vertex is at the load, as shown in Fig. 29. The equation of the parabola is $d^2 = \dfrac{6P}{Sb}x$ from which d may be found for given values of x. The walk-
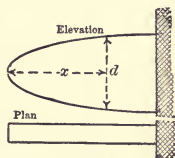
Fig. 29.

ing beam of an engine is often made approximately of this shape. If the depth of the cantilever beam be constant then b varies directly as x and hence the plan should be a triangle as shown in Fig. 30. The value of b for given values of P, S, d, and x may be found from the expression $b = \dfrac{6Px}{Sd^2}$.

Fig. 30.

For a cantilever beam uniformly loaded with w per linear unit $M = \frac{1}{2}wx^2$, and the equation becomes $\frac{1}{6}Sbd^2 = \frac{1}{2}wx^2$, in which w and S are known. If the breadth be taken as constant then d varies as x and the elevation is a triangle, as in Fig. 31, whose depth at any point is $d = x\sqrt{\dfrac{3w}{Sb}}$. If however the depth be
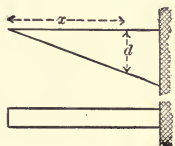
Fig. 31.

taken constant, then $b = \dfrac{3w}{Sd^2}x^2$ which is the equation of a parabola whose vertex is at the free end of the cantilever and whose axis is perpendicular to it. Or the equation may be satisfied by two parabolas drawn upon opposite sides of the center line as shown in Fig. 32.

The vertical shear modifies in practice the shape of these forms near their ends. For instance, a cantilever beam loaded

at the end with P requires a cross-section at the end equal to $\dfrac{P}{S_c}$ where S_c is the working shearing strength.   This cross-section must be preserved until a value of x is reached, where the same value of the cross-section is found from the moment.
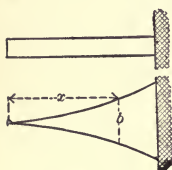
Fig. 32.

The deflection of a cantilever beam of uniform strength is evidently greater than that of one of constant cross-section, since the unit-stress S is greater throughout.   In any case it may be determined from the general formula (5) by substituting for M and I their values in terms of x, integrating twice, determining the constants, and then making x equal to l for the maximum value of y.

For a cantilever beam loaded at the end and of constant breadth, as in Fig. 29, formula (5) becomes,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{12Px}{Ebd^3} = \frac{2}{E}\sqrt{\frac{S^3b}{6Px}}.$$

Integrating this twice and determining the constants, as in Art. 34, the equation of the elastic curve is found to be,

$$y = \frac{2}{E}\sqrt{\frac{S^3b}{6P}}\left(\tfrac{4}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2l^{\frac{1}{2}}x\right).$$

In this make $x = l$, and substitute for S its value $\dfrac{6Pl}{bd_1^2}$, where d_1 is the depth of the wall.   Then,

$$\varDelta = \frac{8Pl^3}{Ebd_1^3},$$

which is double that of a cantilever beam of uniform depth d.

For a cantilever beam loaded at the end and of constant depth, formula (5) becomes,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{12Px}{Ebd^3} = \frac{2S}{Ed}.$$

By integrating this twice and determining the constants as before, the equation of the elastic curve is found, from which the deflection is,

$$\Delta = \frac{6Pl^3}{Ebd^3},$$

which is fifty per cent greater than for one of uniform section.

Prob. 66. A cast iron cantilever beam of uniform strength is to be 4 feet long, 3 inches in breadth and to carry a load of 15 000 pounds at the end. Find the proper depths for every foot in length, using 3 000 pounds per square inch for the horizontal unit-stress, and 4 000 pounds per square inch for the shearing unit-stress.

Art. 39. Simple Beams of Uniform Strength.

In the same manner it is easy to deduce the forms of uniform strength for simple beams of rectangular cross-section.

For a load at the middle and breadth constant, $M = \frac{1}{2}Px$, and hence, $\frac{1}{6}Sbd^2 = \frac{1}{2}Px$. Hence $d^2 = \frac{3P}{Sb}x$, from which values of d may be found for assumed values of x. Here the profile of the beam will be parabolic, the vertex being at the support, and the maximum depth under the load.

For a load at the middle and depth constant, $M = \frac{1}{2}Px$ as before. Hence $b = \frac{3P}{Sd^2}x$, and the plan must be triangular or lozenge shaped, the width uniformly increasing from the support to the load.

For a uniform load and constant breadth, $M = \frac{1}{2}wlx - \frac{1}{2}wx^2$, and hence, $d^2 = \frac{3w}{Sb}(lx - x^2)$, and the profile of the beam must be elliptical, or preferably a half-ellipse.

For a uniform load and constant depth, $b = \dfrac{3w}{Sd^2}(lx - x^2)$ and hence the plan should be formed of two parabolas having their vertices at the middle of the span.

The figures for these four cases are purposely omitted, in order that the student may draw them for himself; if any difficulty be found in doing this let numerical values be assigned to the constant quantities in each equation, and the variable breadth or depth be computed for different values of x.

In the same manner as in the last article, it can be shown that the deflection of a simple beam of uniform strength loaded at the middle is double that of one of constant cross-section if the breadth is constant, and is one and one-half times as much if the depth is constant.

Prob. 67. Draw the profile for a cast iron beam of uniform strength, the span being 8 feet, breadth 3 inches, load at the middle 30,000 pounds, using the same working unit-stresses as in Prob. 66.

Prob. 68. Find the deflection of a steel spring of constant depth and uniform strength which is 6 inches wide at the middle, 52 inches long, and loaded at the middle with 600 pounds, the depth being such that the maximum fiber stress is 20 000 pounds per square inch.

CHAPTER IV.

RESTRAINED BEAMS AND CONTINUOUS BEAMS.

ART. 40.   BEAMS OVERHANGING ONE SUPPORT.

A cantilever beam has its upper fibers in tension and the lower in compression, while a simple beam has its upper fibers in compression and the lower in tension.   Evidently a beam overhanging one support, as in Fig. 31, has its overhanging part in the condition of a cantilever, and the part near the other end in the condition of a simple beam. Hence there must be a point i where the stresses change from tension to compression, and where the curvature changes
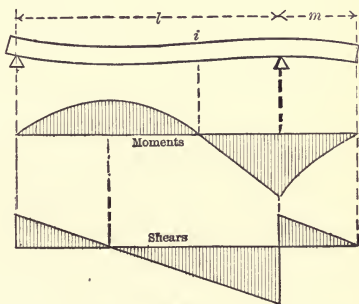
Fig. 33.

from positive to negative.   This point i is called the inflection point ; it is the point where the bending moment is zero.   An overhanging beam is said to be subject to a restraint at the support beyond which the beam projects, or, in other words, there is a stress in the horizontal fibers over that support.

Since the beam has but two supports, its reactions may be found by using the principle of moments as in Art. 16.   Thus, if the distance between the supports be l, the length of the

overhanging part be m, and the uniform load per linear foot be w, the two reactions are,

$$R_1 = \frac{wl}{2} - \frac{wm^2}{2l}, \qquad R_2 = \frac{wl}{2} + wm + \frac{wm^2}{2l},$$

whose sum is equal to the total load $wl + wm$. Here, as in all cases of uniform load, the lever arms are taken to the centers of gravity of the portions considered.

When the reactions have been found, the vertical shear at any section can be computed by Art. 17, and the bending moment by Art. 18, bearing in mind that for a section beyond the right support the reaction R_2 must be considered as a force acting upward. Thus, for any section distant x from the left support,

When x is less than l,   When x is greater than l,

$V = R_1 - wx,$ $V = R_1 + R_2 - wx,$

$M = R_1 x - \frac{1}{2}wx^2.$ $M = R_1 x + R_2(x - l) - \frac{1}{2}wx^2.$

The curves corresponding to these equations are shown on Fig. 33. The shear curve consists of two straight lines; $V = R_1$ when $x = 0$, and $V = 0$ when $x = \dfrac{R_1}{w}$; at the right support $V = R_1 - wl$ from the first equation, and $V = R_1 + R_2 - wl$ from the second; $V = 0$ when $x = l + m$. The moment curve consists of two parts of parabolas; $M = 0$ when $x = 0$, M is a maximum when $x = \dfrac{R_1}{w}$, $M = 0$ at the inflection point where $x = \dfrac{2R_1}{w}$, M has its negative maximum when $x = l$, and $M = 0$ when $x = l + m$. The diagrams show clearly the distribution of shears and moments throughout the beam.

For example, if $l = 20$ feet, $m = 10$ feet, and $w = 40$ pounds per linear foot, the reactions are $R_1 = 300$ and $R_2 = 900$ pounds.

Then the point of zero shear or maximum moment is at $x = 7.5$ feet, the inflection point at $x = 15$ feet, the maximum shears are $+ 300$, $- 500$, and $+ 400$ pounds, and the maximum bending moments are $+ 1125$ and $- 2\,000$ pound-feet.   Here the negative bending moment at the right support is numerically greater than the maximum positive moment.   The relative values of the two maximum moments depend on the ratio of m to l; if $m = 0$ there is no overhanging part and the beam is a simple one; if $m = \frac{1}{2}l$ the case is that just discussed; if $m = l$ the reaction R_1 is zero, and each part is a cantilever beam.

After having thus found the maximum values of V and M the beam may be investigated by the application of formulas (3) and (4) in the same manner as a cantilever or simple beam. By the use of formula (5) the equation of the elastic curve between the two supports is found to be,

$$24EIy = 4R_1(x^3 - l^2x) - w(x^4 - l^3x).$$

From this the maximum deflection for any particular case may be determined by putting $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ equal to zero, solving for x, and then finding the corresponding value of y.

If concentrated loads be placed at given positions on the beam the reactions are found by the principle of moments, and then the entire investigation can be made by the methods above described.

Prob. 69. Three men carry a stick of timber, one taking hold at one end and the other two at a common point.   Where should this point be so that each may bear one third the weight ?   Draw the diagrams of shears and moments.

Prob. 70. A light 12-inch I beam 25 feet long is used as a floor beam in a bridge with one sidewalk, the distance between the supports being 20 feet.   Find its factor of safety when the whole beam is loaded with 1 200 pounds per linear foot, and also when only the 20 feet roadway is loaded.

Art. 41. Beams Fixed at one End and Supported at the Other.

A beam is said to be fixed at the end when it is so restrained in a wall that the tangent to the elastic curve at the wall is horizontal. Thus, in Fig. 33, if the part m is of such a length

Fig. 34.

that the tangent over the right support is horizontal, the part l is in the same condition as a beam fixed at one end and supported at the other. Fig. 34 shows the practical arrangement of such a beam, the left support being upon the same level as the lower side of the beam at the wall. The reactions of such a beam cannot be determined by the principles of statics alone, but the assistance of the equation of the elastic curve must be invoked.
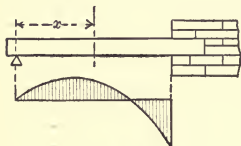
Case I. For a uniform load over the whole beam, as in Fig. 34, let R be the reaction at the left end. Then for any section the bending moment is $Rx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2$. Hence the differential equation of the elastic curve is,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = Rx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2.$$

Integrate this once and determine the constant from the necessary condition that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = l$. Integrate again and find the constant from the fact that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$. Then,

$$24EIy = 4R(x^3 - 3l^2x) - w(x^4 - 4l^3x).$$

Here also $y = 0$ when $x = l$, and therefore $R = \tfrac{3}{8}wl$.

The moment at any point now is $M = \tfrac{3}{8}wlx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2$, and by placing this equal to zero it is seen that the point of inflection is at $x = \tfrac{3}{4}l$. By the method of Art. 24 it is found that the

maximum moments are $+\frac{9}{128}wl^2$ and $-\frac{1}{8}wl^2$, and that the distribution of moments is as represented in Fig. 34.

The point of maximum deflection is found by placing $\frac{dy}{dx}$ equal to zero and solving for x. Thus $8x^3 - 9lx^2 + l^3 = 0$, one root of which is $x = +0.4215l$, and this inserted in the value of y gives,

$$\varDelta = 0.0054\frac{wl^4}{EI},$$

for the value of the maximum deflection.

Case II. For a load at the middle it is first necessary to consider that there are two elastic curves having a common ordinate and a common tangent under the load, since the expressions for the moment are different on opposite sides of the load. Thus, taking the origin as usual at the supported end,

On the left of the load,

$$(a) \qquad EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = Rx,$$

$$(b) \qquad EI\frac{dy}{dx} = \tfrac{1}{2}Rx^2 + C,$$

$$(c) \qquad EIy = \tfrac{1}{6}Rx^3 + C_1x + C_2.$$

On the right of the load the similar equations are,

$$(a)' \qquad EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = Rx - P(x - \tfrac{1}{2}l),$$

$$(b)' \qquad EI\frac{dy}{dx} = \tfrac{1}{2}Rx^2 - \tfrac{1}{2}Px^2 + \tfrac{1}{2}Plx + C_3,$$

$$(c)' \qquad EIy = \tfrac{1}{6}Rx^3 - \tfrac{1}{6}Px^3 + \tfrac{1}{4}Plx^2 + C_3x + C_4.$$

To determine the constants consider in (c) that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$ and hence that $C_2 = 0$. In $(b)'$ the tangent $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = l$ and hence $C_3 = -\tfrac{1}{2}Rl$. Since the curves have a common

tangent under the load $(b) = (b)'$ for $x = \frac{1}{2}l$, and thus the value of C_1 is found. Since the curves have a common ordinate under the load $(c) = (c)'$ when $x = \frac{1}{2}l$, and thus C_4 is found. Then,

$$(c) \qquad EIy = \frac{Rx^3}{6} + \frac{Pl^2x}{8} - \frac{Rl^2x}{2},$$

$$(c)' \qquad EIy = \frac{Rx^3}{6} - \frac{Px^3}{6} + \frac{Plx^2}{4} - \frac{Rl^2x}{2} + \frac{Pl^3}{48}.$$

From the second of these the value of the reaction is $R = \frac{5}{16}P$.

The moment on the left of the load is now $M = \frac{5}{16}Px$, and that on the right $M = -\frac{11}{16}Px + \frac{1}{2}Pl$. The maximum positive moment obtains at the load and its value is $\frac{5}{32}Pl$. The maximum negative moment occurs at the wall, and its value is $\frac{3}{16}Pl$. The inflection point is at $x = \frac{8}{11}l$. The deflection under the load is readily found from (c) by making $x = \frac{1}{2}l$. The maximum deflection occurs at a less value of x, which may be found by equating the first derivative to zero.

Case III. For a load at any point whose distance from the left support is kl, the following results may be deduced by a method exactly similar to that of the last case.

Reaction at supported end	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}P(2 - 3k + k^3)$.
Reaction at fixed end	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}P(3k - k^3)$.
Maximum positive moment	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}Plk(2 - 3k + k^3)$.
Maximum negative moment	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}Pl(k - k^3)$.

The absolute maximum deflection occurs under the load when $k = 0.414l$.

Prob. 71. Draw the diagrams of shears and moments for a load at the middle, taking $P = 600$ pounds and $l = 12$ feet.

Prob. 72. Find the position of load P which gives the maximum positive moment. Find also the position which gives the maximum negative moment.

ART. 42. BEAMS OVERHANGING BOTH SUPPORTS.

When a beam overhangs both supports the bending moments for sections beyond the supports are negative, and in general between the supports there will be two inflection points. If the lengths m and n be equal the reactions will be equal under uniform load, each being one half of the total load. In any case, whatever be the nature of the load, the reactions may

Fig. 35.

be found by the principle of moments (Art. 16), and then the vertical shears and bending moments may be deduced for all sections, after which the formulas (3) and (4) can be used for any special problem.
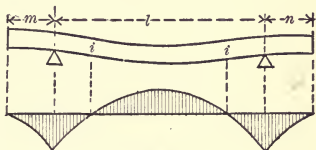
Under a uniformly distributed load, and $m = n$, which is the most important practical case, each reaction is $wm + \frac{1}{2}wl$, the maximum shears at the supports are wm and $\frac{1}{2}wl$, the maximum moment at the middle is $+ w(\frac{1}{8}l^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2)$, the maximum moment at each support is $- \frac{1}{2}wm^2$, and the inflection points are distant $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{l^2 - 4m^2}$ from the middle of the beam. Fig. 35 shows the distribution of moments for this case. If $m = 0$, the beam is a simple one; if $l = 0$, it consists of two cantilever beams.

Prob. 73. If $m = n$ in Fig. 35, find the ratio of l to m in order that the maximum positive moment may numerically equal the maximum negative moment.

Prob. 74. A bridge with two sidewalks has a wooden floor beam 14 × 15 inches and 30 feet long, the distance between supports being 20 feet and each sidewalk 5 feet. Find its factor of safety under a uniformly distributed load of 29 000 pounds.

ART. 43.   BEAMS FIXED AT BOTH ENDS.

If, in Fig. 35, the distances m and n be such that the elastic curve over the supports is horizontal the central span l is said to be a beam fixed at both ends. The lengths m and n which will cause the curve to be horizontal at the support can be determined by the help of the elastic curve. For uniform load $n = m$ and the bending moment at any section in the span l distant x from the left support is,

$$M = (wm + \tfrac{1}{2}wl)x - \tfrac{1}{2}w(m + x)^2,$$

which reduces to the simpler form,

$$M = M' + \tfrac{1}{2}wlx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2,$$

in which M' represents the unknown bending moment $- \tfrac{1}{2}wm^2$ at the left support.

Again, for a single load P at the middle of l in Fig. 35 the elastic curve can be regarded as kept horizontal at the left support by a load Q at the end of the distance m. Then the bending moment at any section distant x from the left support, and between that support and the middle, is,

$$M = (Q + \tfrac{1}{2}P)x - Q(m + x),$$

which reduces to,

$$M = M' + \tfrac{1}{2}Px,$$

in which M' denotes the unknown moment $- Qm$ at the left support. The problem of finding the bending moment at any section hence reduces to that of determining M' the moment at the support.

Case I. For a uniform load the general equation of the elastic curve now is,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = M' + \tfrac{1}{2}wlx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2.$$

Integrating this twice, making $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = 0$ and also when $x = l$, the value of M' is found to be $-\frac{wl^2}{12}$, and the linear equation of the elastic curve is,

Fig. 36.

$$24EIy = w(-l^2x^2 + 2lx^3 - x^4).$$

From this the maximum deflection is found to be,

$$\Delta = \frac{wl^4}{384EI}.$$

The inflection points are located by making $M = 0$, which gives $x = \frac{1}{2}l \pm l\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}}$. The maximum positive moment is at the middle and its value is $\frac{wl^2}{24}$; accordingly the horizontal stress upon the fibers at the middle of the beam is one half that at the ends. The vertical shear at the left end is $\frac{1}{2}wl$, at the middle o, and at the right end $-\frac{1}{2}wl$.
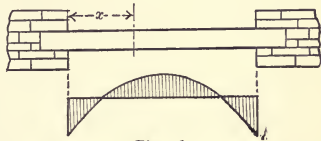
Case II. For a load at the middle the general equation of the elastic curve between the left end and the load is,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = M' + \frac{1}{2}Px,$$

Fig. 37.

and in a similar manner to that of the last case it is easy to find that the maximum negative moments are $\frac{1}{8}Pl$, that the maximum positive moment is $\frac{1}{8}Pl$, that the inflection points are half-way between the supports and the load, and that the maximum deflection is $\frac{Pl^3}{192EI}$.
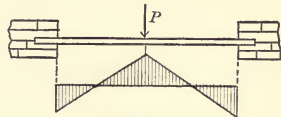
Case III. For a load P at a distance kl at the left end let

M' and V' denote the unknown bending moment and vertical shear at that end.   Then on the left of the load,

$$M = M' + V'x,$$

and on the right of the load

$$M = M' + V'x - P(x - kl).$$

By inserting these in the general formula (5), integrating each twice and establishing sufficient conditions to determine the unknown M' and V' and also the constants of integration, the following results may be deduced,

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Shear at left end $= P(1 - 3k^2 + 2k^3)$,
Shear at right end $= Pk^2(3 - 2k)$,
Moment at left end $= - Plk(1 - 2k + k^2)$,
Moment at right end $= - Plk^2(1 - k)$,
Moment under load $= + Plk^2(2 - 4k + 2k^2)$.

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If $k = \frac{1}{2}$ the load is at the middle and these results reduce to the values found in Case II.

Prob. 75. Show from the results above given for Case III that the inflection points are at the distances $\dfrac{kl}{1 + 2k}$ and $\dfrac{(2 - k)l}{3 - 2k}$ from the left end.

Prob. 76. What wrought iron I beam is required for a span of 24 feet to support a uniform load of 40 000 pounds, the ends being merely supported? What one is needed when the ends are fixed?

Art. 44. Comparison of Restrained and Simple Beams.

As the maximum moments for restrained beams are less than for simple beams their strength is relatively greater. This was to be expected, since the restraint produces a negative bending moment and lessens the deflection which would other-

wise occur. The comparative strength and stiffness of cantilevers and simple beams is given in Art. 37. To these may now be added four cases from Arts. 41 and 43, and the following table be formed, in which W represents the total load, whether uniform or concentrated.

Beams of Uniform Cross-section.	Maximum Moment.	Maximum Deflection.	Relative Strength.	Relative Stiffness.
Cantilever, load at end	Wl	$\dfrac{1}{3}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	1	1
Cantilever, uniform load	$\frac{1}{2}Wl$	$\dfrac{1}{8}\dfrac{Wl^2}{EI}$	2	$2\frac{2}{3}$
Simple beam, load at middle	$\frac{1}{4}Wl$	$\dfrac{1}{48}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	4	16
Simple beam uniformly loaded	$\frac{1}{8}Wl$	$\dfrac{5}{384}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	8	$25\frac{3}{5}$
Beam fixed at one end, supported at other, load near middle	$0.192\,Wl$	$0.0182\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	5.2	18.3
Beam fixed at one end, supported at other, uniform load	$\frac{1}{8}Wl$	$0.0054\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	8	62
Beam fixed at both ends, load at middle	$\frac{1}{8}Wl$	$\dfrac{1}{192}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	8	64
Beam fixed at both ends, uniform load	$\frac{1}{12}Wl$	$\dfrac{1}{384}\dfrac{Wl^3}{EI}$	12	128

This table shows that a beam fixed at both ends and uniformly loaded is one and one-half times as strong and five times as stiff as a simple beam under the same load. The advantage of fixing the ends is hence very great.

Prob. 77. Prove, for a uniformly loaded beam with equal overhanging ends, that the deflection at the middle is given by the formula $\dfrac{Wl}{384EI}(5l^2 - 24m^2)$.

Prob. 78. Find the deflection of a I 9-inch beam of 6 feet span and fixed ends when loaded at the middle so that the tensile and compressive stresses at the dangerous section are 14 000 pounds per square inch.

ART. 45. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CONTINUITY.

A continuous beam is one supported upon several points in the same horizontal plane. A simple beam may be regarded as a particular case of a continuous beam where the number of supports is two. The ends of a continuous beam are said to be free when they overhang, supported when they merely rest on abutments, and restrained when they are horizontally fixed in walls.

The general principles of the preceding chapter hold good for all kinds of beams. If a plane be imagined to cut any beam at any point the laws of Arts. 19 and 20 apply to the stresses in that section. The resisting shear and the resisting moment for that section have the values deduced in Art. 21 and the two fundamental formulas for investigation are,

$$(3) \qquad S_s A = V,$$

$$(4) \qquad \frac{SI}{c} = M$$

Here S_s is the vertical shearing unit-stress in the section, and S is the horizontal tensile or compressive unit-stress on the fiber most remote from the neutral axis; c is the shortest distance from that fiber to that axis; I the moment of inertia, and A the area of the cross-section. V is the vertical shear of the external forces on the left of the section, and M is the bending moment of those forces with reference to a point in the section. For any given beam evidently S_s and S may be found for any section as soon as V and M are known.

The general equation of the elastic line, deduced in Art. 33, is also valid for all kinds of beams. It is,

$$(5) \qquad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{EI}$$

where x is the abscissa and y the ordinate of any point of the elastic curve, M being the bending moment for that section, and E the coefficient of elasticity of the material.

The vertical shear V is the algebraic sum of the external forces on the left of the section, or, as in Art. 17,

$V =$ Reactions on left of section minus loads on left of section.

For simple beams and cantilevers the determination of V for any special case was easy, as the left reaction could be readily found for any given loads. For continuous beams, however, it is not, in general, easy to find the reactions, and hence a different method of determining V is necessary. Let Fig. 37 represent one span of a continuous beam. Let V be the vertical shear for any section at the distance x from the left support, and V' the vertical shear at a section infinitely near to

Fig. 38.

the left support. Also let ΣP_1 denote the sum of all the concentrated loads on the distance x, and wx the uniform load. Then because V' is the algebraic sum of all the vertical forces on its left, the definition of vertical shear gives,
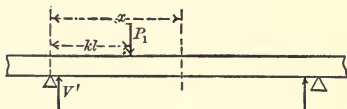
$$(6) \qquad V = V' - wx - \Sigma P_1.$$

Hence V can be determined as soon as V' is known.

The bending moment M is the algebraic sum of the moments of the external forces on the left of the section with reference to a point in that section, or, as in Art. 18,

$M =$ moments of reactions minus moments of loads.

For the reason just mentioned it is in general necessary to determine M for continuous and restrained beams by a different method. Let M' denote the bending moment at the left support of any span as in Fig. 30, and M'' that at the right sup-

port, while M is the bending moment for any section distant x from the left support. Let P_1 be any concentrated load upon the space x at a distance kl from the left support, k being a fraction less than unity, and let w be the uniform load per linear unit. Let V' be the resultant of all the vertical forces on the left of a section in the given span infinitely near to the left support, and let m be the distance of the point of application of that resultant from that support. Then the definition of bending moment gives,

$$M = V'(m+x) - wx \cdot \tfrac{1}{2}x - \Sigma \cdot P_1(x - kl).$$

But $V'm$ is the unknown bending moment M' at the left support. Hence

$$(7) \qquad M = M' + V'x - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2 - \Sigma \cdot P_1(x - kl),$$

from which M may be found for any section as soon as M' and V' have been determined.

The vertical shear V' at the support may be easily found if the bending moments M' and M'' be known. Thus in equation (7) make $x = l$, then M becomes M'', and hence,

$$(8) \qquad V' = \frac{M'' - M'}{l} + \frac{wl}{2} + \Sigma \cdot P_1(l - k).$$

The whole problem of the discussion of restrained and continuous beams hence consists in the determination of the bending moments at the supports. When these are known the values of M and V may be determined for every section, and the general formulas (3), (4), and (5) be applied as in Chapter III, to the investigation of questions of strength and deflection. The formulas (6), (7), and (8) apply to cantilever and simple beams also. For a simple beam $M' = M'' = 0$, and $V' = R$. For a cantilever beam $M' = 0$ for the free end, and M'' is the moment at the wall.

The relation between the bending moment and the vertical

shear at any section is interesting and important.   At the section x the moment is M and the shear is V.   At the next consecutive section $x + dx$ the moment is $M + dM$, which may also be expressed by $M + Vdx$.   Hence,

$$V = \frac{dM}{dx}.$$

This may be proved otherwise by differentiating (7) and comparing with (6).   From this it is seen that the maximum moments occur at the sections where the shear passes through zero.

Prob. 79. A bar of length $2l$ and weighing w per linear unit is supported at the middle.   Apply formulas (6) and (7) to the statement of general expressions for the moment and shear at any section on the left of the support, and also at any section on the right of the support.

ART. 46.   PROPERTIES OF CONTINUOUS BEAMS.

The theory of continuous beams presented in the following pages includes only those with constant cross-section having the supports on the same level, as only such are used in engineering constructions.   Unless otherwise stated, the ends will be supposed to simply rest upon their supports, so that there can be no moments at those points.   Then the end spans are somewhat in the condition of a beam with one overhanging end, and the other spans somewhat
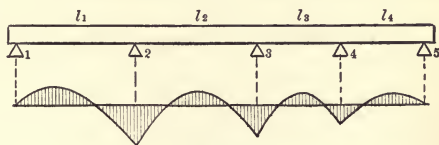

Fig. 39.

in the condition of a beam with two overhanging ends.   At each intermediate support there is a negative moment, and the distribution of moments throughout the beam will be as represented in Fig. 39.

As shown in Art. 45, the investigation of a continuous beam depends upon the determination of the bending moments at the supports. In the case of Fig. 39 these moments being those at the supports 2, 3, and 4, may be designated M_2, M_3, and M_4. Let V_1, V_2, V_3, and V_4 denote the vertical shear at the right of each support. The first step is to find the moments M_2, M_3, and M_4. Then from formula (8) the values of V_1, V_2, V_3, and V_4 are found, and thus by formula (7) an expression for the bending moment in each span may be written, from which the maximum positive moments may be determined. Lastly, by formulas (3) and (4) the strength of the beam may be investigated, and by (5) its deflection at any point be deduced.

For example, let the beam in Fig. 39 be regarded as of four equal spans and uniformly loaded with w pounds per linear unit. By a method to be explained in the following articles it may be shown that the bending moments at the supports are,

$$M_2 = -\tfrac{3}{28}wl^2, \qquad M_3 = -\tfrac{2}{28}wl^2, \qquad M_4 = -\tfrac{3}{28}wl^2.$$

From formula (8) the vertical shears at the right of the several supports are,

$$V_1 = \tfrac{11}{28}wl, \qquad V_2 = \tfrac{15}{28}wl, \qquad V_3 = \tfrac{13}{28}wl, \quad \text{etc.}$$

And from (6) those on the left of the supports 2, 3, 4, etc., are found to be, $-\tfrac{17}{28}wl$, $-\tfrac{13}{28}wl$, $-\tfrac{15}{28}wl$, etc. From formula (7) the general expressions for the bending moments now are,

For first span, $M = +\tfrac{11}{28}wlx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2$,

For second span, $M = -\tfrac{3}{28}wl^2 + \tfrac{15}{28}wlx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2$,

For third span, $M = -\tfrac{2}{28}wl^2 + \tfrac{13}{28}wlx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2$,

For fourth span, $M = -\tfrac{3}{28}wl^2 + \tfrac{17}{28}wlx - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2$.

From each of these equations the inflection points may be found by putting $M = 0$, and the point of maximum positive moment by putting $\dfrac{dM}{dx} = 0$. The maximum positive mo-

ments are found to have the following values,

$$\tfrac{121}{1568}wl^2, \qquad \tfrac{57}{1568}wl^2, \qquad \tfrac{57}{1568}wl^2, \qquad \text{and} \qquad \tfrac{121}{1568}wl^2.$$

For any particular case the beam may now be investigated by formulas (3) and (4).

The reactions at the supports are not usually needed in the discussion of continuous beams, but if required they may easily be found from the adjacent shears. Thus for the above case,

$$R_1 = \quad 0 + \tfrac{11}{28}wl = \tfrac{11}{28}wl,$$
$$R_2 = \tfrac{17}{28}wl + \tfrac{15}{28}wl = \tfrac{32}{28}wl,$$
$$R_3 = \tfrac{13}{28}wl + \tfrac{13}{28}wl = \tfrac{26}{28}wl, \text{ etc.,}$$

and the sum of these is equal to the total load $4wl$.

The equation of the elastic curve in any span is deduced by inserting in (5) for M its value and integrating twice. When $x = 0$, the tangent $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ is the tangent of the inclination at the left support, and when $x = l$ it is the tangent of the inclination at the right support. When $x = 0$, and also when $x = l$, the ordinate $y = 0$, and from these conditions the two unknown tangents may be found. In general the maximum deflection in any span of a continuous beam will be found intermediate in value between those of a simple beam and a restrained beam.

In the following pages continuous beams will only be investigated for the case of uniform load. The lengths of the spans however may be equal or unequal, and the load per linear foot may vary in the different spans.

Prob. 80. In a continuous beam of three equal spans the negative bending moments at the supports are $\tfrac{1}{10}wl^2$. Find the inflection points, the maximum positive moments and the reactions of the supports.

ART. 47. THE THEOREM OF THREE MOMENTS.

Let the figure represent any two adjacent spans of a continuous beam whose lengths are l' and l'' and whose uniform loads per linear foot are w' and w'' respectively.   Let M', M'', and
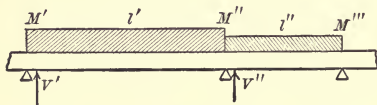
Fig. 40.

M''' represent t h e three unknown moments at the supports. Let V' and V'' be the vertical shears at the right of the first and second supports.   Then, for any section distant x from the left support in the first span, the moment is,

$$M = M' + V'x - \tfrac{1}{2}wx^2.$$

If this be inserted in the general formula (5) and integrated twice and the constants determined by the condition that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$ and also when $x = l$, the value of the tangent of the angle which the tangent to the elastic curve at any section in the first span makes with the horizontal is found to be,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{12M'(2x - l') + 4V'(3x^2 - l'^2) - w'(4x^3 - l'^3)}{24EI}.$$

Similarly if the origin be taken at the next support the value of the tangent of inclination at any point in the second span is,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{12M''(2x - l'') + 4V''(3x^2 - l''^2) - w''(4x^3 - l''^3)}{24EI}.$$

Evidently the two curves must have a common tangent at the support.   Hence make $x = l'$ in the first of these and $x = 0$ in the second and equate the results, giving,

$$12M'l' + 8V'l'^2 - 3w'l'^3 = -12M''l'' - 4V''l''^2 + w''l''^3.$$

Let the values of V' and V'' be expressed by (8) in terms of M', M'', and M''', and the equation reduces to,

$$(9) \quad M'l' + 2M''(l' + l'') + M'''l'' = -\frac{w'l'^3}{4} - \frac{w''l''^3}{4},$$

which is the theorem of three moments for continuous beams uniformly loaded.

If the spans are all equal and the load uniform throughout, this reduces to the simpler form,

$$M' + 4M'' + M''' = -\frac{wl^2}{2}.$$

In any continuous beam of s spans there are $s + 1$ supports and $s - 1$ unknown bending moments at the supports. For each of these supports an equation of the form of (9) may be written containing three unknown moments. Thus there will be stated $s - 1$ equations whose solution will furnish the values of the $s - 1$ unknown quantities.

Prob. 81. A simple wooden beam one inch square and 15 inches long is uniformly loaded with 100 pounds. Find the angle of inclination of the elastic curve at the supports.

ART. 48.   CONTINUOUS BEAMS WITH EQUAL SPANS.

Consider a continuous beam of five equal spans uniformly loaded. Let the supports beginning on the left be numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. From the theorem of three moments an equation may be written for each of the supports 2, 3, 4, and 5; thus,

$$M_1 + 4M_2 + M_3 = -\tfrac{1}{2}wl^2,$$
$$M_2 + 4M_3 + M_4 = -\tfrac{1}{2}wl^2,$$
$$M_3 + 4M_4 + M_5 = -\tfrac{1}{2}wl^2,$$
$$M_4 + 4M_5 + M_6 = -\tfrac{1}{2}wl^2.$$

Since the ends of the beam rest on abutments without restraint $M_1 = M_6 = 0$. Hence the four equations furnish the means of finding the four moments M_2, M_3, M_4, M_5. The solution may be abridged by the fact that $M_2 = M_5$, and $M_3 = M_4$, which is evident from the symmetry of the beam. Hence,

$$M_2 = M_5 = -\tfrac{4}{38}wl^2, \qquad M_3 = M_4 = -\tfrac{3}{38}wl^2.$$

From formula (8) the shears at the right of the supports are,

$$V_1 = \tfrac{15}{38}wl, \qquad V_2 = \tfrac{20}{38}wl, \qquad V_3 = \tfrac{19}{38}wl, \quad \text{etc.}$$

From (7) the bending moment at any point in any span may now be found as in Art. 46, and by (3), (4), and (5) the complete investigation of any special case may be effected.

In this way the bending moments at the supports for any number of equal spans can be deduced. The following triangular table shows their values for spans as high as seven in number. In each horizontal line the supports are represented by squares in which are placed the coefficients of $-wl^2$. For example, in a beam of 3 spans there are four supports and the bending moments at those supports are 0, $-\tfrac{1}{10}wl^2$, $-\tfrac{1}{10}wl^2$, and 0.
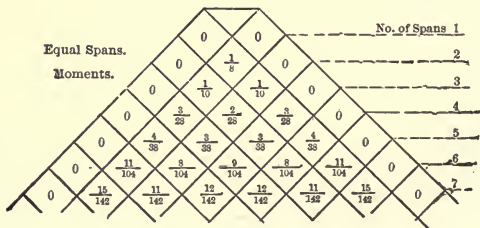
Fig. 41.

The vertical shears at the supports are also shown in the following table for any number of spans up to 5. The space representing a support shows in its left-hand division the shear on the left of that support and in its right-hand division

the shear on the right. The sum of the two shears for any support is, of course, the reaction of that support. For example, in a beam of five equal spans the reaction at the second support is $\frac{43}{38}wl$.
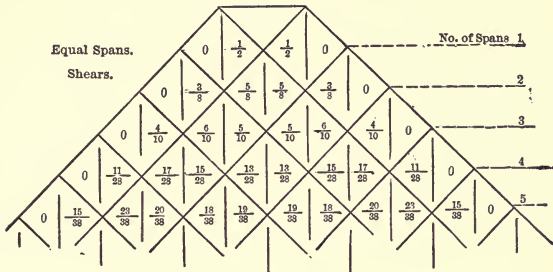
Fig. 42.

It will be seen on examination that the numbers in any oblique column of these tables follow a certain law of increase by which it is possible to extend them, if desired, to a greater number of spans than are here given.

As an example, let it be required to select a I beam to span four openings of 8 feet each, the load per span being 14 000 pounds and the greatest horizontal stress in any fiber to be 12 000 pounds per square inch. The required beam must satisfy formula (4), or,

$$\frac{I}{c} = \frac{M}{12\ 000},$$

where M is the maximum moment. From the table it is seen that the greatest negative moment is that at the second support, or $\frac{3}{28}wl^2$. The maximum positive moments are,

For first span, $\quad$ max $M = \dfrac{V^2}{2w} = \frac{121}{1568}wl^2$,

For second span, $\quad$ max $M = M_2 + \dfrac{V^2}{2w} = \frac{67}{1568}wl^2$.

The greatest value of M is hence at the second support. Then,

$$\frac{I}{c} = \frac{3 \times 14\,000 \times 8 \times 12}{28 \times 12\,000} = 12,$$

and from the table in Art. 30 it is seen that a light 7-inch beam will be required.

Prob. 82. Draw the diagram of shears and the diagram of moments for the case of three equal spans uniformly loaded.

Prob. 83. Find what I beam is required to span three openings of 12 feet each, the load on each span being 6 000 pounds, and the greatest value of S to be 12 000 pounds per square inch.

ART. 49. CONTINUOUS BEAMS WITH UNEQUAL SPANS.

As the first example, consider two spans whose lengths are l_1, l_2, and whose loads per linear unit are w_1 and w_2. The theorem of three moments in (9) then reduces to,

$$2M_2(l_1 + l_2) = -\tfrac{1}{4}w_1 l_1^3 - \tfrac{1}{4}w_2 l_2^3,$$

and hence the bending moment at the middle support is,

$$M_2 = -\frac{w_1 l_1^3 + w_2 l_2^3}{8(l_1 + l_2)}.$$

From this the reaction at the left support may be found by (8) and the bending moment at any point by (7).

Next consider three spans whose lengths are l_1, l_2, and l_3, loaded uniformly with w_1, w_2, w_3. The bending moments at the second and third supports are M_2 and M_3. Then from (9),

$$2M_2(l_1 + l_2) + M_3 l_2 = -\tfrac{1}{4}w_1 l_1^3 - \tfrac{1}{4}w_2 l_2^3,$$
$$M_2 l_2 + 2M_3(l_2 + l_3) = -\tfrac{1}{4}w_2 l_2^3 - \tfrac{1}{4}w_3 l_3^3,$$

and the solution of these gives the values of M_2 and M_3. A very common case is that for which $l_2 = l$, $l_1 = l_3 = nl$, and $w_1 = w_2 = w_3 = w$. For this case the solution gives,

$$M_2 = M_3 = -\frac{1 + n^3}{2 + 3n} \cdot \frac{w l^2}{4}.$$

Here if $n = 1$, these two moments become $-\frac{1}{10}wl^2$, as also shown in the last article.

Whatever be the lengths of the spans or the intensity of the loads, the theorem of three moments furnishes the means of finding the bending moments at the supports.   Then from (8), (7), and (6) the vertical shears and bending moments at every section may be computed.   Finally, if the material be not strained beyond its elastic limit, formula (5) may be used to determine the deflection, while (4) investigates the strength of the beam.

Prob. 84. A continuous beam of three equal spans is loaded only in the middle span.   Find the reactions of the end supports due to this load.

Prob. 85. A heavy 12-inch I beam of 36 feet length covers four openings, the two end ones being each 8 feet and the others each 10 feet in span.   Find the maximum moment in the beam.   Then determine the load per linear foot so that the greatest horizontal unit-stress may be 12 000 pounds per square inch.

ART. 50.   REMARKS ON THE THEORY OF FLEXURE.

The theory of flexure presented in this and the preceding chapter is called the common theory, and is the one universally adopted for the practical investigation of beams. It should not be forgotten, however, that the axioms and laws upon which it is founded are only approximate and not of an exact nature like those of mathematics.   Laws (A) and (B) for instance are true as approximate laws of experiment, but probably not as exact laws of science.   Law (G) indeed rests upon so slight experimental evidence that it is more of a hypothesis than an established truth.   Objections may also be raised against the formula (3) which supposes the vertical shear to be uniformly distributed over the cross-section.

When experiments on beams are carried to the point of rupture and the longitudinal unit-stress S computed from formula (4) a disagreement of that value with those found by direct experiments on tension or compression is observed. This is often regarded as an objection to the common theory of flexure, but it is in reality no objection, since law (G) and formula (4) are only true provided the elastic limit of the material be not exceeded. Experiments on the deflection of beams furnish on the other hand the most satisfactory confirmation of the theory. When E is known by tensile or compressive tests the formulas for deflection are found to give values closely agreeing with those observed. Indeed so reliable are these formulas that it is not uncommon to use them for the purpose of computing E from experiments on beams. If however the elastic limit of the material be exceeded, the computed and observed deflections fail to agree.

On the whole it may be concluded that the common theory of flexure is entirely satisfactory and sufficient for the investigation of all practical questions relating to the strength and stiffness of beams. The actual distribution of the internal stresses is however a matter of very much interest and this will be discussed at some length in Chapter VIII.

The theory of flexure is here applied to continuous beams only for the case of uniform loads. It should be said however that there is no difficulty in extending it to the case of concentrated loads. By a course of reasoning similar to that of Art. 48 it may be shown that the theorem of three moments for single loads is,

$$M'l' + 2M''(l' + l'') + M'''l'' = -P'l'^2(k - k^3)$$
$$-P'l''^2(2k - 3k^2 + k^3).$$

Here as in Fig. 37 the moments at three consecutive supports are designated by M', M'', and M''' and the lengths of the two spans by l' and l''. P' is any load on the first span at a dis-

tance kl' from the left support and P'' any load on the second span at a distance kl'' from the left support, k being any fraction less than unity and not necessarily the same in the two cases. From this theorem the negative bending moments at the supports for any concentrated loads may be found, and the beam be then investigated by formulas (6) and (4). For example, if a beam of three equal spans be loaded with P at the middle of each span, the negative moments at the supports are each $\frac{3}{20}Pl$.

The Journal of the Franklin Institute for March and April, 1875, contains an article by the author in which the law of increase of the quantities in the tables of Art. 48 is explained and demonstrated. A general abbreviated method of deducing the moments at the supports for both uniform and concentrated loads on restrained and continuous beams is given in the Philosophical Magazine for September, 1875. See also Van Nostrand's Science Series, No. 25.

Exercise 4. Consult BARLOW's Strength of Materials (London, 1837), and write an essay concerning his experiments to determine the laws of the strength and stiffness of beams. Consult also BALL's Experimental Mechanics.

Exercise 5. Consult Engineering News, Vol. XVIII, pp. 309, 352, 404, 443; Vol. XIX, pp. 11, 28, 48, 84; and Vol. XXII, p. 121. Write an essay concerning certain erroneous views regarding the theory of flexure which are there discussed. Consult also TODHUNTER's History of the Elasticity and Strength of Materials.

Exercise 6. Procure six sticks of ash each $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{8}$ inches and of lengths about 8, 12, and 16 inches. Devise and conduct experiments to test the following laws: First, the strength of a beam varies directly as its breadth and directly as the square of its depth. Second, the stiffness of a beam is directly as its breadth and directly as the cube of its depth. Third, a beam fixed at the ends is twice as strong and four times as stiff as a

simple beam when loaded at the middle. Write a report describing and discussing the experiments.

Exercise 7. In order to test the theory of continuous beams discuss the following experiments by FRANCIS and ascertain whether or not the ratio of the two observed deflections agrees with theory. "A frame was erected, giving 4 bearings in the same horizontal plane, 4 feet apart, making 3 equal spans, each bearing being furnished with a knife edge on which the beam was supported. Immediately over the bearings and secured to the same frame was fixed a straight edge, from which the deflections were measured. A bar of common English refined iron, 12 feet 2¾ inches long, mean width 1.535 inches, mean depth 0.367 inches, was laid on the 4 bearings, and loaded at the center of each span so as to make the deflections the same, the weight at the middle span being 82.84 pounds and at each of the end spans 52.00 pounds. The deflections with these weights were,

At the center of the middle span   0.281 inches.
At center of end spans, 0.275 and 0.284 inches,
        mean   0.280 inches.

A piece 3 feet 11½ inches long was then cut from each end of the bar, leaving a bar 4 feet 4¾ inches long, which was replaced in its former position and loaded with the same weight (82.84 pounds) as before, when its deflection was found to be 1.059 inches."

Prob. 86. A beam of three spans, the center one being l and the side ones nl, is loaded with P at the middle of each span. Find the value of n so that the reactions at the end may be one-fourth of the other reactions.

Prob. 87. Let a beam whose cross-section is an isosceles triangle have the base b and the depth d. Prove that if $0.13d$ be cut off from the vertex the remaining trapezoidal beam will be about 9 per cent stronger than the triangular one.

CHAPTER V.

THE COMPRESSION OF COLUMNS.

ART. 51. CROSS-SECTIONS OF COLUMNS.

A column is a prism, greater in length than about ten times its least diameter, which is subject to compression. If the prism be only about four or six times as long as its least diameter the case is one of simple compression, the constants for which are given in Art. 6. In a case of simple compression failure occurs by the crushing and splintering of the material, or by shearing in directions oblique to the length. In the case of a column, however, failure is apt to occur by a sidewise bending which induces transverse stresses and causes the material to be highly strained under the combined compression and flexure.

Wooden columns are usually square or round and they may be built hollow. Cast iron columns are usually round and they are often cast hollow. Wrought iron columns are made of a great variety of forms. A I may be used as a column, but they are usually made of three or more different shape-irons riveted together. The Phœnix column is made by riveting together flanged circular segments so as to form a closed cylinder. It is clear that a square or round section is preferable to an unsymmetrical one, since then the liability to bending is the same in all directions. For a rectangular section the plane of flexure will evidently be perpendicular to the longer side of the cross-section, and in general the plane of flexure will be perpendicular to that axis of the cross-section for which the moment of inertia is the least. In designing a column it is hence advisable

that the cross-section should be so arranged that the moments of inertia about the two principal rectangular axes may be approximately equal.

For instance, let it be required to construct a column with two **I** shapes and two plates as shown in Fig. 43. The **I** beams

Fig. 43.

are to be light 10-inch ones weighing 30 pounds per linear foot, and having the flanges 4.32 inches wide. The plates are to be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, and it is required to find their length x so that the liability to bending about the two axes shown in the figure may be the same. From the table in Art. 30 it is ascertained that the moment of inertia I of the beam about an axis through its center of gravity and perpendicular to the web is 150, while the moment of inertia I' about an axis through the same point and parallel to the web is nearly 8. Hence, for the axes shown in the figure, the moments of inertia are,
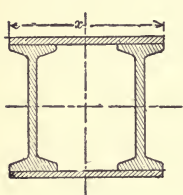
For axis perpendicular to plates,

$$2\frac{0.5 \times x^3}{12} + 2 \times 8 + 2 \times 9 \times \left(\frac{x}{2} - 2.16\right)^2.$$

For axis parallel to plates,

$$2\frac{x \times 0.5^3}{12} + 2 \times 0.5x \times 5.25^2 + 2 \times 150.$$

Placing these two expressions equal, the value of x is found to be between 14 and $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Prob. 88. A column is to be formed of two light 12-inch eye-beams connected by a lattice bracing. Find the proper distance between their centers, disregarding the moment of inertia of the latticing.

Prob. 89. Two joists each 2×4 inches are to be placed 6 inches apart between their centers, and connected by two others each 8 inches wide and x inches thick so as to form a closed hollow rectangular column. Find the proper value of x.

ART. 52. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

If a short prism of cross-section A be loaded with the weight P, the internal stress is to be regarded as uniformly distributed over the cross-section, and hence the compressive unit-stress S_c is $\dfrac{P}{A}$. But for a long prism, or column, this is not the case; while the average unit-stress is $\dfrac{P}{A}$, the stress in certain parts of the cross-section may be greater and upon others less than this value on account of the transverse stresses due to the sidewise flexure. Hence in designing a column the load P must be taken as smaller for a long one than for a short one, since evidently the liability to bending increases with the length.

Numerous experiments on the rupture of columns have shown that the load causing the rupture is approximately inversely proportional to the square of the length of the column. That is to say, if there be two columns of the same material and cross-section and one twice as long as the other, the long one will rupture under about one-quarter the load of the short one.

The condition of the ends of columns exerts a great influence upon their strength. Class (a) includes those with 'round ends,' or those in such condition that they are free to turn at the ends. Class (c) includes those whose ends are ' fixed ' or in such condition that the tangent to the curve at the ends always remains vertical. Class (b) includes those with one end fixed and the other round. In architecture it is rare that any other than class (c) is used. In bridge construction and in machines, however, columns of classes (b) and (a) are very common.

Fig. 44.

It is evident that class (c)
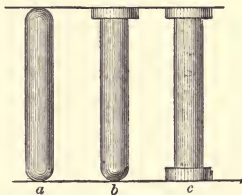
is stronger than (*b*), and that (*b*) is stronger than (*a*), and this is confirmed by all experiments. Fig. 44 is intended as a symbolical representation of the three classes of columns, and not as showing how the ends are rendered 'round' and 'fixed' in practical constructions.

The theory of the resistance of columns has not yet been perfected like that of beams, and accordingly the formulas for practical use are largely of an empirical character. The form of the formulas however is generally determined from certain theoretical considerations, and these will be presented in the following articles as a basis for deducing the practical rules.

Prob. 90. A pillar formed of two I beams each weighing 93 pounds per yard is 11 inches square and 3 feet long. What load will it carry with a factor of safety of 5?

ART. 53.   EULER'S FORMULA.

Consider a column of cross-section A loaded with a weight P

Fig. 45.

under whose action a certain small sidewise bending occurs. Let the column be round, or free to turn at both ends as in Fig. 45. Take the origin at the upper end, and let x be the vertical and y the horizontal coordinate of any point of the elastic curve. The general equation (5) deduced in Art. 33, applies to all bodies subject to flexure provided the bending be slight and the elastic limit of the material be not exceeded. For the column the bending moment is $-Py$, the negative sign being used because the curve is concave to the axis of x; hence,

$$EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -Py.$$

The first integration of this gives,

$$EI\frac{dy^2}{dx^2} = -Py^2 + C.$$

But when $y =$ the maximum deflection $\varDelta$, the tangent $\dfrac{dy}{dx} =$ 0. Hence $C = P\varDelta^2$, and by inversion,

$$dx = \left(\frac{EI}{P}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{\varDelta^2 - y^2}}.$$

The second integration now gives,

$$x = \left(\frac{EI}{P}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{arc} \sin \frac{y}{\varDelta} + C'.$$

Here C' is 0 because $y =$ 0 when $x =$ 0. Hence finally the equation of the elastic curve of the column is,

$$y = \varDelta \sin x \left(\frac{P}{EI}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

This equation is that of a sinusoid. But also $y =$ 0 when $x = l$. Hence if n be an integer, $l\left(\dfrac{P}{EI}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ must equal $n\pi$, or,

$$P = EI \frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2},$$

which is EULER'S formula for the resistance of columns. This reduces the equation of the sinusoid to,

$$y = \varDelta \sin n\pi \frac{x}{l}.$$

The three curves for $n =$ 1, $n =$ 2, and $n =$ 3 are shown in Fig. 46. In the first case the curve is entirely on one side of the axis of x, in the second case it crosses that axis at the middle, and in the third case it crosses at $\frac{1}{3}l$ and $\frac{2}{3}l$, the points of crossing being also inflection points where the bending moment is zero. Evidently the
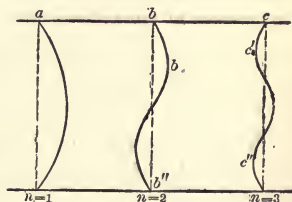
Fig. 46.

greatest deflection will occur for the case where $n =$ 1, and

this is the most dangerous case. Hence,

$$(a) \qquad P = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l^2},$$

is EULER'S formula for columns with round ends.

A column with one end fixed and the other round is closely represented by the portion $b'b''$ of the second case, b' being the fixed end where the tangent to the curve is vertical. Here $n = 2$, and the length $b'b''$ is three-fourths of the entire length, hence,

$$(b) \qquad P = \frac{9}{4} \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$$

is EULER'S formula for columns with one end fixed and the other round.

A column with fixed ends is represented by the portion $c'c''$ of the case c. Here $n = 3$, and the length $c'c''$ is two-thirds of the entire length, hence,

$$(c) \qquad P = 4 \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$$

is EULER'S formula for columns with fixed ends.

From this investigation it appears that the relative resistances of three columns of the classes (a), (b), and (c) are as the numbers 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$, and 4, when the lengths are the same, and this conclusion is approximately verified by experiments. It also appears that, if the resistance of three columns of the classes (a), (b), and (c) are to be equal, their lengths must be as the numbers 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, and 2.

The moment of inertia I in the above formulas is taken about a neutral axis of the cross-section perpendicular to the plane of the flexure, and in general is the least moment of inertia of that cross-section, since the column will bend in the direction which offers the least resistance. For a rectangular column

whose greatest side is b and least side d, the formulas may be written,

$$P = \frac{m\pi^2 Ebd^2}{12l^2}, \quad \text{where } m = 1, 2\tfrac{1}{4}, \text{ or } 4.$$

For a cylindrical column of diameter d the formulas are,

$$P = \frac{m\pi^2 Ed^4}{64l^2}, \quad \text{where } m = 1, 2\tfrac{1}{4}, \text{ or } 4.$$

Hence the strength of a column varies directly as its cross-section and directly as the square of its least diameter or side. In general if r be the least radius of gyration of the cross-section the value of I is Ar^2 and the formula may be written,

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{m\pi^2 Er^2}{l^2}, \quad \text{where } m = 1, 2\tfrac{1}{4}, \text{ or } 4,$$

which shows that P varies as the square of the ratio of r to l.

The maximum deflection Δ is indeterminate, so that the load P, given by EULER'S formula, is merely the load which causes the column to bend. Practically the bending of a column is the beginning of its failure.

Prob. 91. Show that EULER'S formula for the case of a column fixed at one end and entirely free at the other is $\dfrac{P}{A} = \dfrac{\pi^2 Er^2}{4l^2}$.

ART. 54. HODGKINSON'S FORMULAS.

EULER'S formula gives valuable information regarding the laws of flexure of columns, but is difficult of direct practical application because it indicates no relation between the load P and the greatest internal compressive unit-stress. It shows that the strength of cylindrical columns varies directly as the fourth power of the diameter and inversely as the square of the length. HODGKINSON in his experiments observed that this was approximately but not exactly the case. He therefore

wrote for each kind of columns the analogous expression,

$$P = \alpha \frac{d^\beta}{l^\delta},$$

and determined the constants α, β, and δ from the results of his experiments, thus producing empirical formulas.

Let P be the crushing load in gross tons, d the diameter of the column in inches, and l its length in feet. Then HODG-KINSON'S empirical formulas are,

For solid cast iron cylindrical columns,

$$P = 14.9 \frac{d^{3.5}}{l^{1.63}} \qquad \text{for round ends,}$$

$$P = 44.2 \frac{d^{3.5}}{l^{1.63}} \qquad \text{for flat ends,}$$

For solid wrought iron cylindrical columns,

$$P = 42 \frac{d^{3.76}}{l^2} \qquad \text{for round ends;}$$

$$P = 134 \frac{d^{3.76}}{l^2} \qquad \text{for flat ends.}$$

These formulas indicate that the ultimate strength of flat-ended columns is about three times that of round-ended ones. The experiments also showed that the strength of a column with one end flat and the other end round is about twice that of one having both ends round. HODGKINSON'S tests were made upon small columns and his formulas are not so reliable as those which will be given in the following articles. For small cast iron columns however the formulas are still valuable.

By the help of logarithms it is easy to apply these formulas to the discussion of given cases. Usually P will be given and d required, or d be given and P required. By using assumed factors of safety the proper size of cylindrical columns to carry given loads may also be determined. These formulas, it should be remembered, do not apply to columns shorter than about

thirty times their least diameters. The word flat used in this Article is to be regarded as equivalent to fixed.

Prob. 92. A cast iron cylindrical column with flat ends is 3 inches diameter and 8 feet long. What load will cause it to fail?

Prob. 93. A cast iron cylindrical column with flat ends is to be 7 feet long and carry a load of 200 000 pounds with a factor of safety of 6. Find the proper diameter.

ART. 55. GORDON'S FORMULA.

The formulas of EULER are defective because they contain no constant indicating the working or ultimate compressive strength of the material and because they apply only to long columns. HODGKINSON'S formulas are unsatisfactory for similar reasons and because they do not well represent the results of later experiments. GORDON'S formula was deduced to remedy these defects. It may be established by the following considerations.

Let the column be of rectangular section, the area being A, the least side d, the greatest side b, and the length l. Let P be the load upon it. The average compressive unit-stress at any section is $\frac{P}{A}$, but in consequence of the sidewise deflection this is increased on the concave side and decreased on the convex side by an amount S. From the fundamental equation (4) the value of S is $\frac{6M}{bd^2}$, and if $\varDelta$ be the maximum deflection the greatest value of S is $\frac{6P\varDelta}{bd^2}$. Now if S_c be the total compressive unit-stress on the
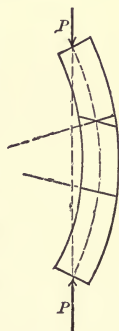
Fig. 47.

concave side $S = S_c - \dfrac{P}{A}$, and hence,

$$S_c - \frac{P}{A} = \frac{6P\Delta}{bd^2} = \frac{6P\Delta}{Ad}.$$

Accordingly the value of S_c is

$$S_c = \frac{P}{A} + \frac{P}{A}\cdot\frac{6\Delta}{d}.$$

The value of Δ is unknown, but if the curve of deflection be an arc of a circle, which it is very nearly, Δ equals approximately $\dfrac{l^2}{8R}$, in which R represents the radius of curvature of the column. Now, as in Art. 33, the value of R for the same unit-stress S varies directly as c or as the depth d. Hence Δ may be taken as varying directly as l^2 and inversely as d. Accordingly if k be a number depending upon the kind of material and the arrangement of the ends of the column, the value of S_c may be written,

$$S_c = \frac{P}{A} + k\frac{P}{A}\frac{l^2}{d^2}.$$

From this the value of the unit-load $\dfrac{P}{A}$ is,

$$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{S_c}{1 + k\dfrac{l^2}{d^2}},$$

which is called GORDON'S formula for resistance of columns.

The quantity k cannot be determined theoretically. As the above reasoning shows, its value varies with the form of cross-section as well as with the kind of material and the arrangement of the ends of the column. For instance, the value of k is not the same for a circular section with diameter d as for a rectangular section whose least side is d. It is however not

uncommon to find this formula stated as applicable to any cross-section whose least diameter is d.

In order to determine k recourse must be had to experiments. These are usually conducted by loading columns to the point of rupture; P, A, l, and d are known, and thus the constants S_c and k may be computed. Theoretically S_c is the ultimate compressive strength of the material and the values found for it by experiments on columns agree roughly with those deduced by the direct crushing of short specimens. The value of k is always less than unity and it is subject to great variation, even in columns of the same material. For a column with round ends k is to be regarded four times as great as for a column with fixed ends, since both experiment and theory indicate that a fixed-ended column of length $2l$ has the same strength as a round-ended column of length l. Therefore for the ultimate strength of columns,

For fixed ends, $$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{S_c}{1 + k\dfrac{l^2}{d^2}},$$

For round ends, $$\frac{P}{A} = \frac{S_c}{1 + 4k\dfrac{l^2}{d^2}}.$$

The following values of S_c and k were deduced by GORDON from HODGKINSON'S experiments.

For stone and brick, $S_c = $ (Art. 6), $k = \frac{1}{800}$,

For timber (rectangular sections), $S_c = 7\,200$, $\quad k = \frac{1}{250}$,

For cast iron cylinders, $S_c = 80\,000$, $\quad k = \frac{1}{800}$,

For wrought iron (rectangular sections), $S_c = 36\,000$, $\quad k = \frac{1}{3000}$,

These values of S_c are in pounds per square inch, while those of k are abstract numbers.

The theoretical deduction of the above formula was first made by TREDGOLD, and it is hence sometimes referred to as

TREDGOLD's formula. The reasoning by which it is deduced is not entirely satisfactory, and it often fails to properly represent the results of experiment.

Prob. 94. Find the values of S_c and k from the two following experiments on flat-ended Phœnix columns. The sectional area of each column was 12 square inches and the exterior diameter 8 inches. The length of the first column was 25 feet, and it failed under a load of 420 000 pounds. The length of the second column was 10 feet, and it failed under a load of 478 000 pounds.

ART. 56. RANKINE'S FORMULA.

The formula which seems to most satisfactorily represent the results of experiments will now be deduced. It is sometimes called GORDON's formula, and occasionally it is referred to as "GORDON's formula modified by RANKINE," but the best usage gives to it the name of RANKINE's formula. It is similar to the formula of the last Article, but has the advantage of being applicable to any form of cross-section.

Let P be the load on the column, l its length, A the area of its cross-section, I the moment of inertia, and r the radius of gyration of that cross-section with reference to a neutral axis perpendicular to the plane of flexure, and c the shortest distance from that axis to the remotest fiber on the concave side.
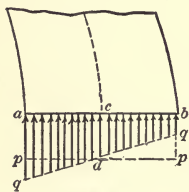
Fig. 48.

The average compressive unit-stress on any cross-section is $\frac{P}{A}$, but in consequence of the flexure this is increased on the concave side, and decreased on the convex side. Thus in Fig. 48 the average unit-stress $\frac{P}{A}$ is represented by cd, but on the concave side this is increased to aq, and on the convex side decreased to bq. The triangles pdq and qdp represent

the effect of the flexure exactly as in the case of beams, pq indicating the greatest compressive and qp the greatest tensile unit-stress due to the bending. Let the total maximum unit-stress aq be denoted by S_c and the part due to the flexure be denoted by S. Then,

$$S_c = \frac{P}{A} + S.$$

Now, from the fundamental formula (4) the flexural stress is $\frac{Mc}{I}$, where M is the external bending moment, which for a column has its greatest value when $M = P\Delta$, Δ being the maximum deflection. $I = Ar^2$ is the well-known relation between I and r. Hence the value of S is,

$$S = \frac{P\Delta c}{I} = \frac{P\Delta c}{Ar^2}.$$

By analogy with the theory of beams, as in Art. 37, the value of Δ may be regarded as varying directly as $\frac{l^2}{c}$. Hence if q be a quantity depending upon the kind of material and the condition of the ends, the total unit-stress is,

$$S_c = \frac{P}{A} + q\frac{Pl^2}{Ar^2}.$$

This may now be written in the usual form,

$$(10) \qquad \frac{P}{A} = \frac{S_c}{1 + q\dfrac{l^2}{r^2}},$$

which is RANKINE'S formula for the investigation of columns.

The above reasoning has been without reference to the arrangement of the ends of the column. By Art. 53 it is known that a column with round ends must be one half the length of one with fixed ends in order to be of equal strength, and that a column with one end fixed and the other round must be

three fourths the length of one with fixed ends in order to be of equal strength. Therefore if q be the constant for fixed ends, $(\frac{4}{3})^2q$ will be the constant for one end fixed and the other round, and 2^2q will be the constant for both ends round.

The values of q to be taken for use in formula (10) for the examples and problems of this chapter may be the following rough values, unless otherwise stated, while the values of the ultimate compressive unit-stress S_c will be taken from the table in Art. 6.

Material.	Both Ends Fixed.	Fixed and Round.	Both Ends Round.
Timber,	$\dfrac{1}{3\,000}$	$\dfrac{1.78}{3\,000}$	$\dfrac{4}{3\,000}$
Cast Iron,	$\dfrac{1}{5\,000}$	$\dfrac{1.78}{5\,000}$	$\dfrac{4}{5\,000}$
Wrought Iron,	$\dfrac{1}{36\,000}$	$\dfrac{1.78}{36\,000}$	$\dfrac{4}{36\,000}$
Steel,	$\dfrac{1}{25\,000}$	$\dfrac{1.78}{25\,000}$	$\dfrac{4}{25\,000}$

The very wide variation in the values of q found from different experiments shows, however, that little dependence can be placed upon average results. In any practical case of importance an effort should be made to ascertain values of S_c and q for the special kind of columns on hand.

Prob. 95. Plot the curve represented by formula (10) for cases of wrought-iron columns with fixed and with round ends, taking the values of $\dfrac{P}{A}$ as ordinates, and the values of $\dfrac{l}{r}$ as abscissas.

ART. 57. RADIUS OF GYRATION OF CROSS-SECTIONS.

The radius of gyration of a surface with reference to an axis is equal to the square root of the ratio of the moment of iner-

tia of the surface referred to the same axis to the area of the figure. Or if r be radius of gyration, I the moment of inertia, and A the area of the surface, then $I = Ar^2$.

In the investigation of columns by formula (10) the value of r^2 is required, r being the least radius of gyration. These values are readily derived from the expressions for the moment of inertia given in Art. 23, the most common cases being the following,

For a rectangle whose least side is d, $\qquad r^2 = \dfrac{d^2}{12}$.

For a circle of diameter d, $\qquad r^2 = \dfrac{d^2}{16}$.

For a triangle whose least altitude is d, $\quad r^2 = \dfrac{d^2}{18}$.

For a hollow square section, $\qquad r^2 = \dfrac{d^2 + d'^2}{12}$.

For a hollow circular section, $\qquad r^2 = \dfrac{d^2 + d'^2}{16}$.

For I beams and other shapes, r^2 is found by dividing the least moment of inertia of the cross-section by the area of that cross-section. For instance, by the help of the table in Art. 30, the least value of r^2 for a light 12-inch I beam is found to be $\frac{11.0}{12.6} = 0.87$ inches^2.

Prob. 96. Compute the least radius of gyration for a T iron whose width is 4 inches, depth 4 inches, thickness of flange $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and thickness of stem $\frac{15}{32}$ inches.

ART. 58.   INVESTIGATION OF COLUMNS.

The investigation of a column consists in determining the maximum compressive unit-stress S_c from formula (10). The values of P, A, l, and r will be known from the data of the given case, and q is known from the results of previous experiments. Then,

$$S_c = \frac{P}{A}\left(1 + q\frac{l^2}{r^2}\right),$$

and, by comparing the computed value of S_c with the ultimate strength and elastic limit of the material, the factor of safety and the degree of stability of the column may be inferred.

For example, consider a hollow wooden column of rectangular section, the outside dimensions being 4×5 inches and the inside dimensions 3×4 inches. Let the length be 18 feet, the ends fixed, and the load be 5 400 pounds. Here $P = 5\,400$, $A = 8$ square inches, $l = 216$ inches. From the table $q = \frac{1}{3\,000}$. From Art. 57,

$$r^2 = \frac{5 \times 4^3 - 4 \times 3^3}{12 \times 8} = 2.21.$$

Then the substitution of these values gives,

$$S_c = \frac{5\,400}{8}\left(1 + \frac{216 \times 216}{3\,000 \times 2.21}\right) = 5430 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

Here the average unit-stress is 675 pounds per square inch, but the flexure has increased that stress on the concave side to 5 430 pounds per square inch, so that the factor of safety is only about $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Prob. 97. A cylindrical wrought iron column with fixed ends is 12 feet long, 6.36 inches in exterior diameter, 6.02 inches in interior diameter, and carries a load of 98 000 pounds. Find its factor of safety.

Prob. 98. A pine stick 3×3 inches and 12 feet long is used as a column with fixed ends. Find its factor of safety under a load of 3 000 pounds. If the length be only one foot, what is the factor of safety?

ART. 59. SAFE LOADS FOR COLUMNS.

To determine the safe load for a given column it is necessary to first assume the allowable working unit-stress S_c. Then from formula (10) the safe load is,

$$P = \frac{S_c A}{1 + q\dfrac{l^2}{r^2}}.$$

Here A, l, and r are known from the data of the given problem and q is taken from the table in Art. 56.

For example, let it be required to determine the safe load for a fixed-ended timber column, 3×3 inches square and 12 feet long, so that the greatest compressive unit-stress may be 800 pounds per square inch. From the formula,

$$P = \frac{800 \times 9}{1 + \dfrac{12^5}{3\,000 \times 3^2}} = \text{about 700 pounds.}$$

A short prism 3×3 inches should safely carry ten times this load.

Prob. 99. Find the safe load for a heavy wrought iron I of 15 inches depth and 10 feet length when used as a column with fixed ends, the factor of safety being 4.

Prob. 100. Find the safe steady load for a hollow cast iron column with fixed ends, the length being 18 feet, outside dimensions 4×5 inches, inside dimensions 3×4 inches.

ART. 60.   DESIGNING OF COLUMNS.

When a column is to be selected or designed the load to be borne will be known, as also its length and the condition of the ends. A proper allowable unit-stress S_c is assumed, suitable for the given material under the conditions in which it is used. Then from formula (1) the cross-section of a short column or prism is $\dfrac{P}{S_c}$, and it is certain that a greater value of the cross-section than this will be required. Next assume a form and area A, find r^2, and from the formula (10) compute S_c. If the computed value agrees with the assumed value the correct size has been selected. If not, assume a new area and compute S_c again, and continue the process until a proper agreement is attained.

For example, a hollow cast iron rectangular column of 18 feet length is to carry a load of 60 000 pounds. Let the working strength S_c be 15 000 pounds per square inch. Then for a short length the area required would be four square inches. Assume then that about 6 square inches will be needed. Let the section be square, the exterior dimensions 6×6 inches, and the interior dimensions $5\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Then $A = 5.75$, $l = 18 \times 12$, $P = 60\,000$, $q = \frac{1}{5\,000}$, $r^2 = 5.52$, and from (10),

$$S_c = \frac{60\,000}{5.75}\left(1 + \frac{18^2 \times 12^2}{5\,000 \times 5.52}\right) = \text{about } 30\,000,$$

which shows that the dimensions are much too small. Again assume the exterior side as 6 inches and the interior as 5 inches. Then $A = 11$, $r^2 = 5.08$, and

$$S_c = \frac{60\,000}{11}\left(1 + \frac{18^2 \times 12^2}{5\,000 \times 5.08}\right) = \text{about } 15\,700.$$

As this is very near the required working stress, it appears that these dimensions very nearly satisfy the imposed conditions.

In many instances it is possible to assume all the dimensions of the column except one, and then after expressing A and r in terms of this unknown quantity, to introduce them into (10) and solve the problem by finding the root of the equation thus formed. For example, let it be required to find the size of a square wooden column with fixed ends and 24 feet long to sustain a load of 100 000 pounds with a factor of safety of 10. Here let x be the unknown side; then $A = x^2$ and $r^2 = \dfrac{x^2}{12}$. From (10),

$$800 = \frac{100\,000}{x^2}\left(1 + \frac{24^2 \times 12^2}{3\,000 \times x^2}\right).$$

By reduction this becomes,

$$8x^4 - 1\,000x^2 = 331\,776,$$

the solution of which gives 16.6 inches for the side of the column.

Prob. 101. Find the size of a square wooden column with fixed ends and 12 feet in length to sustain a load of 100 000 pounds with a factor of safety of 10. Find also its size for round ends.

Prob. 102. A hollow cylindrical cast iron column is to be designed to carry a load of 90 000 pounds. Its length is to be 12 feet, its ends flat or fixed, its exterior diameter 6 inches, and the allowable unit-stress 15 000 pounds per square inch. Find the interior diameter.

Art. 61.   Experiments on Columns.

It is impossible to present here even a summary of the many experiments that have been made to determine the laws of resistance of columns. The interesting tests made by CHRISTIE in 1883 for the Pencoyd Iron Works will however be briefly described on account of their great value and completeness as regards wrought iron struts, embracing angle, tee, beam, and channel sections. See Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers, April, 1884.

The ends of the struts were arranged in different methods; first flat ends between parallel plates to which the specimen was in no way connected; second, fixed ends, or ends rigidly clamped; third, hinged ends, or ends fitted to hemispherical balls and sockets or cylindrical pins; fourth, round ends, or ends fitted to balls resting on flat plates.

The number of experiments was about 300, of which about one-third were upon angles, and one-third upon tees. The quality of the wrought iron was about as follows: elastic limit 32 000 pounds per square inch. Ultimate tensile strength 49 600 pounds per square inch, ultimate elongation 18 per cent in 8 inches. The length of the specimens varied from 6 inches up to 16 feet, and the ratio of length to least radius of gyration varied from 20 to 480. Each specimen was placed in a Fairbanks' testing machine of 50 000 pounds capacity and the power applied by hand through a system of gearing to two

rigidly parallel plates between which the specimen was placed in a vertical position. The pressure or load was measured on an ordinary scale beam, pivoted on knife edges and carrying a moving weight which registered the pressure automatically. At each increment of 5 000 pounds, the lateral deflection of the column was measured. The load was increased until failure occurred.

The following are the combined average results of these care-

Length divided by Least Radius of Gyration.	Flat Ends.	Fixed Ends.	Hinged Ends.	Round Ends.
20	46 000	46 000	46 000	44 000
40	40 000	40 000	40 000	36 500
60	36 000	36 000	36 000	30 500
80	32 000	32 000	31 500	25 000
100	29 800	30 000	28 000	20 500
120	26 300	28 000	24 300	16 500
140	23 500	25 500	21 000	12 800
160	20 000	23 000	16 500	9 500
180	16 800	20 000	12 800	7 500
200	14 500	17 500	10 800	6 000
220	12 700	15 000	8 800	5 000
240	11 200	13 000	7 500	4 300
260	9 800	11 000	6 500	3 800
280	8 500	10 000	5 700	3 200
300	7 200	9 000	5 000	2 800
320	6 000	8 000	4 500	2 500
340	5 100	7 000	4 000	2 100
360	4 300	6 500	3 500	1 900
380	3 500	5 800	3 000	1 700
400	3 000	5 200	2 500	1 500
420	2 500	4 800	2 300	1 300
440	2 200	4 300	2 100	
460	2 000	3 800	1 900	
480	1 900		1 800	

fully conducted experiments.   The first column gives the values
of $\frac{l}{r}$, and the other columns the value of $\frac{P}{A}$ or the ultimate load
per square inch of cross-section.   From these results it will be
seen that when the strut is short there is no practical difference
in the strength of the four classes, and that when the strut is
long there is but little difference between those with flat and
hinged ends.   The strength of the long columns with fixed
ends appears to be about $3\frac{1}{2}$ times that of the round-ended
ones.

Prob. 103. Plot the above experiments, taking the values of
$\frac{l}{r}$ as abscissas and those of $\frac{P}{A}$ as ordinates.

ART. 62.   ON THE THEORY OF COLUMNS.

It has been already remarked that the theory of columns is
in a very incomplete condition compared with that of beams.
A satisfactory formula for the resistance of columns should be
of such a nature that for a short block which fails by pure
crushing it would reduce to the equation $P = AS_c$, while for a
long strut which fails by bending it would reduce to an expres-
sion like EULER'S.   The formula of RANKINE conforms partly
to this requirement, but the fact that it is impossible to deter-
mine values of q of general applicability indicates that q is not
a constant, and that the reasoning by which it is deduced is
faulty.   Nevertheless RANKINE'S formula applies so well to
columns of medium length that it is extensively employed
in this country in the manner illustrated in the preceding
articles.

For long columns EULER'S formula often represents fairly
the results of experiments, and since it contains I it may be
adapted to any form of cross-section.   Thus $I = Ar^2$, and,

For round ends, $\qquad \dfrac{P}{A} = \dfrac{\pi^2 E r^2}{l^2}$,

For fixed ends, $\qquad \dfrac{P}{A} = \dfrac{4\pi^2 E r^2}{l^2}$

For wrought iron E equals about 25 000 000 pounds per square inch and hence for round ends,

$$\text{if} \quad \frac{l}{r} = \quad 200, \qquad 300, \qquad 400,$$

$$\frac{P}{A} = 6\,250, \qquad 2\,800, \qquad 1\,600,$$

and these agree well with the experimental values given in the last Article.

The lateral deflection of a column is indeterminate. For a long column which fails wholly by bending any load less than that given by EULER's formula produces theoretically no lateral deflection, and if when so loaded a slight lateral deflection is caused by an applied horizontal force, the column springs back to the vertical position on the removal of that force. If the column be loaded with P, equal in amount to the value given by EULER's formula, it will not spring back and recover the vertical position, but will remain in indifferent equilibrium whatever be the amount of the small deflection. If the load be made slightly larger than P the column is in unstable equilibrium, the lateral deflection increases and failure by bending occurs. It is, however, probable that, for a practical column which, unlike the ideal column, is never perfectly straight, an applied load less than P may cause a lateral deflection, and that then the condition of indifferent equilibrium may depend upon the value of Δ. This condition is probably reached when the unit-stress S_c on the concave side reaches the elastic limit S.

In conclusion it may be well to show that RANKINE's formula when properly deduced is essentially of the same form as

EULER'S, and that the number q cannot be a true constant. For this purpose consider the reasoning of Art. 56, and, as there, take the total compressive unit-stress S_c on the concave side as equal to the sum of the average unit-stress and the flexural unit-stress, or,

$$S_c = \frac{P}{A} + S.$$

From the fundamental formula (4) the value of S is,

$$S = \frac{P \Delta c}{A r^2}.$$

Now to express Δ in terms of l, consider the case of columns with round ends which deflect into a sinusoid curve, whose equation according to Art. 54 is,

$$y = \Delta \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}.$$

The second derivative of y with respect to x is,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\Delta \pi^2}{l^2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}.$$

For the middle of the column where $x = \frac{1}{2}l$, the curvature hence is,

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\Delta \pi^2}{l^2}.$$

But the investigation of Art. 33 shows also that $SR = Ec$. Hence,

$$\Delta = \frac{Sl^2}{\pi^2 Ec} = \frac{\left(S_c - \dfrac{P}{A}\right)l^2}{\pi^2 Ec}.$$

The value of the total unit-stress on the concave side now is,

$$S_c = \frac{P}{A}\left(1 + \frac{\left(S_c - \dfrac{P}{A}\right)l^2}{\pi^2 E r^2}\right),$$

and this is the same as (10), except that q has been replaced by

$\dfrac{S_c - \dfrac{P}{A}}{\pi^2 E}$, which is not a constant since it varies with $\dfrac{P}{A}$. This

expression is a quadratic with reference to $\dfrac{P}{A}$, and by solution

are found the two values,

$$\frac{P}{A} = S_c, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{P}{A} = \frac{\pi^2 E r^2}{l^2},$$

the first of which corresponds to the formula for short blocks and the latter to EULER's formula for columns with round ends.

Prob. 104. Prove that $\varDelta c' = r^2$ for a column so deflected that there is no stress on the convex side, c' being the distance from that side to the neutral axis of the cross-section.

Prob. 105. Prove that an expression for the lateral deflection is $\varDelta = \dfrac{S_c l^2}{\pi^2 E c} - \dfrac{r^2}{c}$, and discuss its meaning when $\varDelta = 0$. Compute the numerical value of $\varDelta$ for one of the examples of Art. 60, and interpret the result.

CHAPTER VI.

### TORSION, AND SHAFTS FOR TRANSMITTING POWER.

ART. 63. THE PHENOMENA OF TORSION.

Torsion occurs when applied forces tend to cause a twisting of a body around an axis. Let one end of a horizontal shaft be rigidly fixed and let the free end have a lever p attached at right angles to its axis. A weight P hung at the end of this lever will twist the shaft so that fibers such as ab, which were

Fig. 49.
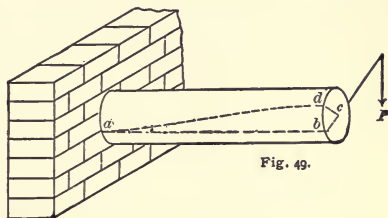
originally horizontal, assume a spiral form ad like the strands of a rope. Radial lines such as cb will also have moved through a certain angle bcd.

Experiments have proved, that if P be not so large as to strain the material beyond its elastic limit, the angles bcd and bad are proportional to P and that on the removal of the stress the lines cd and ad return to their original positions cb and ab. The angle bcd is evidently proportional to the length of the shaft, while bad is independent of the length. If the elastic limit be exceeded this proportionality does not hold, and if the twisting be great enough the shaft will be ruptured. These laws are but a particular case of the general axioms stated in Art. 3.

The product Pp is the moment of the force P with respect to the axis of the shaft, p being the perpendicular distance from

that axis to the line of direction of P, and is called the twisting moment. Whatever be the number of forces acting at the end of the shaft, their resulting twisting moment may always be represented by a single product Pp.

A graphical representation of the phenomena of torsion may be made as in Fig. 1, the angles of torsion being taken as abscissas and the twisting moments as ordinates. The curve is then a straight line from the origin until the elastic limit of the material is reached, when a rapid change occurs and it soon becomes nearly parallel to the axis of abscissas. The total angle of torsion, like the total ultimate elongation, serves to compare the relative ductility of specimens.

Prob. 106. If a force of 80 pounds at 18 inches from the axis twists a shaft 60°, what force will produce the same result when acting at 4 feet from the axis?

Prob. 107. A shaft 2 feet long is twisted through an angle of 7 degrees by a force of 200 pounds acting at a distance of 6 inches from the axis. Through what angle will a shaft 4 feet long be twisted by a force of 500 pounds acting at a distance of 18 inches from the axis?

Art. 64. The Fundamental Formula for Torsion.

The stresses which occur between any two cross-sections of a bar under torsion are similar to those of shearing, each sec-

Fig. 50.

tion tending to shear off from the one adjacent to it. When equilibrium obtains the external twisting moment is exactly balanced by the sum of the moments of these resisting internal stresses, or,

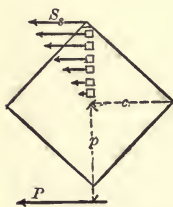Resisting moment = twisting moment.

The law governing the distribution of these internal stresses is to be taken the same as in beams, namely, that they vary directly as the distance from

the axis, provided that the elastic limit of the material be not exceeded.

If P be the force acting at a distance p from the axis about which the twisting takes place, the value of the twisting moment is Pp. To find the resisting moment, let c be the distance from the axis to the remotest part of the cross-section where the unit-shear is S_s. Then since the stresses vary as their distances from the axis,

$$\frac{S_s}{c} = \text{unit-stress at a unit's distance from axis,}$$

$$\frac{S_s z}{c} = \text{unit-stress at a distance } z \text{ from axis,}$$

$$\frac{a S_s z}{c} = \text{total stress on an elementary area } a,$$

$$\frac{a S_s z^2}{c} = \text{moment of this stress with respect to axis,}$$

$$\frac{\Sigma a S_s z^2}{c} = \text{internal resisting moment.}$$

This may be written $\dfrac{S_s}{c} \Sigma a z^2$. But $\Sigma a z^2$ is the polar moment of inertia of the cross-section with respect to the axis, and may be denoted by J. Therefore,

$$(11) \qquad \frac{S_s J}{c} = Pp,$$

which is the fundamental formula for torsion.

The analogy of formula (11) with formula (4) for the flexure of beams will be noted. Pp, the twisting moment, is often the resultant of several forces, and might have been expressed by a single letter like the M in (4). By means of (11) a shaft subjected to a given moment may be investigated, or the proper size be determined for a shaft to resist given forces.

Prob. 108. Three forces of 120, 90, and 70 pounds act at distances of 6, 11, and 8 inches from the axis and at different

distances from the end of a shaft, the direction of rotation of the second force being opposite to that of the others. Find the three values of the twisting moment Pp.

Prob. 109. A circular shaft is subjected to a maximum shearing unit-stress of 2 000 pounds when twisted by a force of 90 pounds at a distance of 27 inches from the center. What unit-stress will be produced in the same shaft by two forces of 40 pounds, one acting at 21 and the other at 36 inches from the center?

Art. 65. Polar Moments of Inertia.

The polar moment of inertia for simple figures is readily found by the help of the calculus, as explained in works on elementary mechanics. It is also a fundamental principle that,

$$J = I_1 + I_2,$$

where J is the polar moment of inertia, I_1 the least and I_2 the greatest rectangular moment of inertia about two axes passing through the center. The following are values of J for some of the most common cases.

For a circle with a diameter d, $\qquad J = \dfrac{\pi d^4}{32}$,

For a square whose side is d, $\qquad J = \dfrac{d^4}{6}$,

For a rectangle with sides b and d, $\quad J = \dfrac{bd^3}{12} + \dfrac{b^3 d}{12}$.

The value of c in all cases is the distance from the axis about which the twisting occurs, usually the center of figure of the cross-section, to the remotest part of the cross-section. Thus,

For a circle with diameter d, $\qquad c = \frac{1}{2}d$,

For a square whose side is d, $\qquad c = d\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$,

For a rectangle with sides b and d, $\quad c = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{b^2 + d^2}$.

It is rare in practice that formulas for torsion are needed for any cross-sections except squares and circles.

Prob. 110. Find the values of J and c for an equilateral triangle whose side is d.

Prob. 111. Find, from the data in Art. 30, the values of J and c for a light 6 inch I section.

ART. 66. THE CONSTANTS OF TORSION.

The constant S_s computed from experiments on the rupture of shafts by means of formula (11) may be called the modulus of torsion, in analogy with the modulus of rupture as computed from (4). The values thus found agree closely with the ultimate shearing unit-stress given in Art. 7, viz.,

For timber, $S_s = $ 2 000 pounds per square inch,
For cast iron, $S_s = $ 25 000 pounds per square inch,
For wrought iron, $S_s = $ 50 000 pounds per square inch,
For steel, $S_s = $ 75 000 pounds per square inch.

By the use of these average values it is hence easy to compute from (11) the load P acting at the distance p which will cause the rupture of a given shaft.

The coefficient of elasticity for shearing may be computed from experiments on torsion in the following manner. Let a circular shaft whose length is l and diameter d be twisted through an arc θ by the twisting moment Pp. Here a point on the circumference of one end is twisted relative to a corresponding point on the other end through the arc θ or through the distance $\frac{1}{2}\theta d$, so that the detrusion per unit of length is

$$s = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\theta d}{l}.$$

From the fundamental definition of the coefficient of elasticity E as given in (2),

$$E = \frac{S_s}{s} = \frac{2S_s l}{\theta d},$$

and inserting for S_s its value from (11), there results,

$$E = \frac{32 P p l}{\pi \theta d^4},$$

from which E can be computed when all the quantities in the second member have been determined by experiment, provided that the elastic limit of the material be not exceeded. The numerical value of θ must here be expressed in terms of the same unit as π.

Prob. 112. What force P acting at the end of a lever 24 inches long will twist asunder a steel shaft 1.4 inches in diameter?

Prob. 113. An iron shaft 5 feet long and 2 inches in diameter is twisted through an angle of 7 degrees by a force of 5 000 pounds acting at 6 inches from the center, and on the removal of the force springs back to its original position. Find the value of E for shearing.

ART. 67. SHAFTS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF POWER.

Work is the product of a resistance by the distance through which it acts, and is usually measured in foot-pounds. A horse-power is 33 000 foot-pounds of work done in one minute. It is required to determine the relation between the horse-power H transmitted by a shaft and the greatest internal shearing unit-stress S_s produced in it.

Let a shaft making n revolutions per minute transmit H horse-power .The work may be applied by a belt from the motor to a pulley on the shaft, then, by virtue of the elasticity and resistance of the material of the shaft, it is carried through other pulleys and belts to the working machines. In doing this the shaft is strained and twisted, and evidently S_s increases with H. Let P be the resistance acting at the circumference of the pulley and p the radius of the pulley. In making one revolution the

force P acts through the distance $2\pi p$ and performs the work $2\pi pP$, and in n revolutions it performs the work $2\pi pPn$. Then if P be in pounds and p in inches, the imparted horse-power is,

$$H = \frac{2\pi pPn}{33\ 000 \times 12}.$$

The twisting moment Pp in this expression may be expressed, as in formula (11), by the resisting moment $\frac{S_s J}{c}$. Hence the equation becomes,

$$(12) \qquad H = \frac{\pi n S_s J}{198\ 000 c}.$$

This is the formula for the discussion of shafts for the transmission of power, and in it J and c must be taken in inches and S_s in pounds per square inch, while n is the number of revolutions per minute.

Prob. 114. A wooden shaft 6 inches square breaks when making 40 revolutions per minute. Find the horse-power then probably transmitted.

Art. 68. Round Shafts.

For round shafts of diameter d, the values of J and c are to be taken from Art. 65 and inserted in the last equation, giving,

$$S_s = 321\ 000 \frac{H}{nd^3}, \qquad \text{or} \qquad d = 68.5 \sqrt[3]{\frac{H}{nS_s}}.$$

The first of these may be used for investigating the strength of a given shaft when transmitting a certain number of horse-power with a known velocity. The computed values of S_s, compared with the ultimate values in Art. 67, will indicate the degree of security of the shaft. Here d must be taken in inches and S_s will be in pounds per square inch.

The second equation may be used for determining the diameter of a shaft to transmit a given horse-power with a given

number of revolutions per minute. Here a safe allowable value must be assumed for S_s in pounds per square inch, and then d will be found in inches. This equation shows that the diameter of a shaft varies directly as the cube root of the transmitted horse-power and inversely as the cube root of its velocity.

Prob. 115. Find the factor of safety for a wrought iron shaft $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter when transmitting 25 horse-power while making 100 revolutions per minute.

Prob. 116. Find the diameter of a wrought iron shaft to transmit 90 horse-power with a factor of safety of 8 when making 250 revolutions per minute, and also when making 100 revolutions per minute.

Art. 69. Square Shafts.

For a square shaft whose side is d the values of J and c are to be taken from Art. 65 and inserted in (12), giving,

$$S_s = 267\ 500\frac{H}{nd^3}, \quad \text{or} \quad d = 64.4\sqrt[3]{\frac{H}{nS_s}}.$$

These are the same as for round shafts except in the numerical constants, and are to be used in the same manner, the first to investigate an existing shaft and the second to find the diameter for one proposed.

When a shaft is used under practical conditions for the transmission of power it usually happens that it is subject to flexural stresses due to loads as well as to stresses of torsion. Thus a square shaft carrying a water wheel acts like a beam under the weight of the wheel and also is subject to the twisting moment. As the above formulas only include the effect of the latter it is clear, if the transverse load is considerable, that the unit-stress S_s should be taken small so as to allow an ample margin of security. In Art. 76 the effect of transverse loads on a shaft will be taken into account.

Prob. 117. Find the factor of safety of a wooden shaft 12 inches square when transmitting 16 horse-power at 40 revolutions per minute; also when making 10 revolutions per minute.

Prob. 118. Find the size of a square wooden shaft for a water wheel which is to transmit 8 horse-power at 20 revolutions per minute with a factor of safety of 15.

ART. 70. MISCELLANEOUS EXERCISES.

Exercise 8. Make experiments to verify the phenomena of torsion stated in Art. 63. Show by your experiments that the strength of a round shaft varies directly as the cube of its diameter, and is independent of its length.

Exercise 9. Make a theoretical investigation to ascertain if the strength of a square shaft can be increased by cutting off material from the corners. If such is found to be the case write an essay explaining the reasoning, the computations and the conclusion.

Exercise 10. Go to a testing room and inspect THURSTON'S testing machine for torsion. Ascertain the dimensions and kind of specimens tested thereon. Explain with sketches the construction of the machine, the method of its use, and the torsion diagrams. State how the quality of the specimens is inferred from the torsion diagrams.

Prob. 119. Compare the strength of a square shaft with that of a circular shaft of equal area.

Prob. 120. Jones & Laughlins give, for computing the diameters of shafts, the formulas,

$$d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{62.5H}{n}}, \quad \text{and} \quad d = \sqrt[3]{\frac{37.5H}{n}},$$

the first for ordinary turned wrought iron shafts, and the second for cold rolled wrought iron shafts. What working unit-stresses do these imply?

CHAPTER VII.

COMBINED STRESSES.

ART. 71. CASES OF COMBINED STRESSES.

The three kinds of simple stress are tension, compression, and shear, or, in other words, the numerical investigation of bodies under stress includes only the unit-stresses S_t, S_c, and S_s. Transverse or flexural stress was investigated in Chapter III by resolving the internal stresses into tension, compression, and shear. Torsional stress is merely a particular case of shear.

Tension and compression are similar in character and differ only in sign or direction. Hence their combination is effected by algebraic addition. Thus if P be a tensile stress and P' a compressive stress applied to the same bar at the same time the resultant stress is $P-P'$ which may be either tensile or compressive.

Tension and shear, or compression and shear, are often combined, as internally in the case of beams and externally under many circumstances.

Tension and flexure are combined when loads are placed upon a bar under tension. This case and that of compression and flexure are of frequent occurrence, and their investigation is of much practical importance.

Flexure and torsion are combined whenever horizontal shafts for the transmission of power are loaded with pulleys and belts, and, as will be seen, the effect of the flexure is sensibly to modify the formulas of the last chapter. Compression, flexure, and torsion may occur in the case of vertical shafts.

The internal stresses in a body produced by applied forces are usually of a complex character.   Even in a case of simple tension there are shearing stresses in all directions except those perpendicular and parallel to the line of tension, as was shown in Art. 7.   But whatever be the nature of the internal stresses they may be investigated by resolving them into tension, compression, and shear.

Prob. 121. A pulls 30 pounds at one end of a rope, and B, C and D each pull 10 pounds at the other end.   What is the tensile stress in the rope?

Art. 72. Stresses Due to Temperature.

If a bar be unstrained it expands when the temperature rises and contracts when the temperature falls.   But if the bar be under stress, so that the change of length cannot occur, an additional unit-stress must be produced which will be equivalent to the unit-stress that would cause the same change of length in the unstrained bar.   Thus if a rise of temperature elongates a bar of length unity the amount s when free from stress, it will cause the unit-stress $S = sE$ (see Art. 4) when the bar is prevented from expanding by external forces.

Let l be the length of the bar, α its coefficient of linear expansion for a change of one degree, and λ the change of length due to the rise or fall of t degrees.   Then,

$$\lambda = \alpha t l.$$

and the unit-deformation s is,

$$s = \frac{\lambda}{l} = \alpha t.$$

The unit-stress produced by the change in temperature hence is,

$$S = \alpha t E$$

which is seen to be independent of the length of the bar.   The total stress on the bar is then AS.

The following are average values of the coefficients of linear expansion for a change in temperature of one degree Fahrenheit.

For brick and stone,	$\alpha = 0.000\ 00\ 50$,
For cast iron,	$\alpha = 0.000\ 00\ 62$,
For wrought iron,	$\alpha = 0.000\ 00\ 67$,
For steel,	$\alpha = 0.000\ 00\ 65$.

As an example consider a wrought iron tie rod 20 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter which is screwed up to a tension of 9 000 pounds in order to tie together two walls of a building. Let it be required to find the stress in the rod when the temperature falls 10° F. Here,

$$S = 0.000\ 00\ 67 \times 10 \times 25\ 000\ 000 = 1\ 675 \text{ pounds.}$$

The total tension in the rod now is,

$$9\ 000 + 3.14 \times 1\ 675 = 14\ 000 \text{ pounds.}$$

Should the temperature rise 10° the tension in the rod would become,

$$9\ 000 - 3.14 \times 1\ 675 = 4\ 000 \text{ pounds.}$$

In all cases the stresses caused by temperature are added or subtracted to the tensile or compressive stresses already existing.

Prob. 122. A cast iron bar is confined between two immovable walls. What unit-stress will be produced by a rise of 40° in temperature?

ART. 73. COMBINED TENSION AND FLEXURE.

Consider a beam in which the flexure produces a unit-stress S at the fiber on the tensile side most remote from the neutral axis. Let a tensile stress P be then applied to the ends of the bar uniformly distributed over the cross-section A. The tensile unit-stress at the neutral surface is then $\dfrac{P}{A}$ and all the longitudinal stresses due to the flexure are increased by this

amount. The maximum tensile unit-stress is then $\dfrac{P}{A} + S$ in which S is to be found from formula (4).

In designing a beam under combined tension and flexure the dimensions must be so chosen that $\dfrac{P}{A} + S$ shall not exceed the proper allowable working unit-stress. For instance, let it be required to find the size of a square wooden beam of 12 feet span to hold a load of 300 pounds at the middle while under a longitudinal stress of 2 000 pounds, so that the maximum tensile unit-stress may be about 1 000 pounds per square inch. Let d be the side of the square. From formula (4),

$$S = \frac{6M}{d^3} = \frac{6 \times 150 \times 72}{d^3}.$$

Then from the conditions of the problem,

$$\frac{2\ 000}{d^2} + \frac{64\ 800}{d^3} = 1\ 000,$$

from which results the cubic equation,

$$d^3 - 2d = 64.8,$$

whose solution gives for d the value 4.25 inches.

In investigating a beam under combined tension and flexure the maximum value of $\dfrac{P}{A} + S$ is to be computed, and the factor of safety found by comparing it with the ultimate tensile strength of the material.

Prob. 123. A heavy 12-inch I beam of 6 feet span carries a uniform load of 200 pounds per linear foot, besides its own weight, and is subjected to a longitudinal tension of 80 000 pounds. Find the factor of safety of the beam.

Prob. 124. What I beam of 12 feet span is required to carry a uniform load of 200 pounds per linear foot when subjected to a tension of 50 000 pounds, the maximum tensile stress at the dangerous section to be 9 000 pounds per square inch?

ART. 74.   COMBINED COMPRESSION AND FLEXURE.

Consider a beam in which the flexure produces a unit-stress S in the fiber on the compressive side most remote from the neutral axis. Let a compressive stress P be applied in the direction of its length uniformly over the cross-section A. Then at the neutral surface the unit-stress is $\dfrac{P}{A}$ and at the remotest fiber it is $\dfrac{P}{A} + S$. The discussion of this case is hence exactly similar to that of the last article. If the beam is short the total working unit-stress is to be taken as for a short prism; if long it should be derived from RANKINE'S formula for columns.

The method of investigation explained in this and the preceding article is the one ordinarily used in practice on account of the complexity of the formulas which result from the strict mathematical determination of the moments of the applied forces. Although not exact the method closely approximates to the truth, giving values of the stresses a little too large for the case of tension and a little too small for the case of compression.

A rafter of a roof is a case of combined compression and

Fig. 51.

flexure. Let b be its width, d its depth, l the length, w the load per linear unit, and ϕ the angle of inclination. To find the horizontal reaction H the center of moments is to be taken at the lower end, and
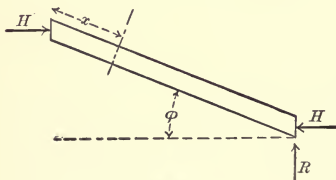
$$H \cdot l \sin \phi = wl \cdot \frac{l \cos \phi}{2}, \quad \text{whence} \quad H = \frac{wl}{2} \cot \phi.$$

For any section whose distance from the upper end is x, the flexural unit-stress now is from (4),

$$S = \frac{6M}{bd^2} = \frac{6(Hx \sin \phi - \frac{1}{2}wx^2 \cos \phi)}{bd^2},$$

and the uniform compressive unit-stress is,

$$S_c = \frac{H \cos \phi + wx \sin \phi}{bd}.$$

The total compressive unit-stress on the upper fiber hence is,

$$S_x = S_c + S = \frac{3w \cos \phi}{bd^2}(lx - x^2) + \frac{wl \cot \phi \cos \phi}{2bd} + \frac{wx \sin \phi}{bd}.$$

This can be shown to be a maximum when

$$x = \tfrac{1}{2}l + \tfrac{1}{6}d \tan \phi,$$

and substituting this, the maximum unit-stress is,

$$S_m = \frac{3wl^2 \cos \phi}{4bd^2} + \frac{wl \operatorname{cosec} \phi}{2bd} + \frac{w \sin \phi \tan \phi}{12b}$$

which formula may be used to investigate or to design rafters subject to uniform loads.

In any inclined rafter let P denote all the load above a section distant x from the upper end. Then reasoning as before the greatest unit-stress for that section is found to be,

$$S_x = \frac{Mc}{I} + \frac{P \sin \phi}{A} + \frac{H \cos \phi}{A},$$

from which S_x may be computed for any given case.

Prob. 125. A roof with two equal rafters is 40 feet in span and 15 feet in height. The wooden rafters are 4 inches wide and each carries a load of 450 pounds at the center. Find the depth of the rafter so that S_m may be 700 pounds per square inch.

Prob. 126. A wooden beam 10 inches wide and 8 feet long carries a uniform load of 500 pounds per linear foot and is subjected to a longitudinal compression of 40 000 pounds. Find the depth of the beam so that the maximum working unit-stress may be about 800 pounds per square inch.

ART. 75. SHEAR COMBINED WITH TENSION OR COMPRESSION.

Let a bar whose cross-section is A be subjected to the longitudinal tension or compression P and at the same time to a shear V at right angles to its length. The longitudinal unit-stress is $\dfrac{P}{A}$ which may be denoted by p, and the shearing unit-stress is $\dfrac{V}{A}$ which may be denoted by v. It is required to find the maximum unit-stresses produced by the combination of p and v. In the following demonstration P will be regarded as a tensile force, although the reasoning and conclusions apply equally well when it is compressive.

Consider an elementary cubic particle with edges one unit in length acted upon by the horizontal tensile force p and p,

Fig. 52.

and by the vertical shear v and v, as shown in Fig. 52. These forces are not in equilibrium unless a horizontal couple be applied as in the figure, each of whose forces is equal to v. Therefore at every point of a body under vertical shear there exists a horizontal shear, and the horizontal shearing unit-stress is equal to the vertical shearing unit-stress.
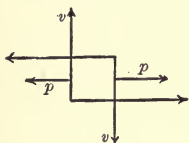
Let a parallelopipedal element have the length dm, the height dn, and a width of unity. The tensile force $p \cdot dn$ tends to pull it apart longitudinally. The vertical shear vdn tends to cause rotation and this is resisted, as shown above, by the horizontal shear vdm. These forces may be resolved into rectangular components parallel and perpendicular

Fig. 53.

dicular to the diagonal dz, as shown in Fig. 53. The components parallel to the diagonal form a shearing force sdz, and

those perpendicular to it a tensile force tdz, s being the shearing and t the tensile unit-stresses.   Let ϕ be the angle between dz and dm.   The problem is first to state expressions for sdz and tdz in terms of ϕ, and then to determine the value of ϕ, or the ratio of dm to dn, which gives the maximum values of s and t.
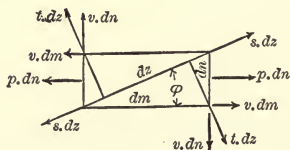
By simple resolution of forces,

$$sdz = pdn \cos \phi + vdm \cos \phi - vdn \sin \phi,$$
$$tdz = pdn \sin \phi + vdm \sin \phi + vdn \cos \phi.$$

Divide each of these by dz, for $\dfrac{dn}{dz}$ put its value $\sin \phi$ and for $\dfrac{dm}{dz}$ its value $\cos \phi$.   Then the equations take the form,

$$s = p \sin \phi \cos \phi + v(\cos^2 \phi - \sin^2 \phi),$$
$$t = p \sin^2 \phi + 2v \sin \phi \cos \phi.$$

These may be written,

$$s = \tfrac{1}{2}p \sin 2\phi + v \cos 2\phi,$$
$$t = \tfrac{1}{2}p(1 - \cos 2\phi) + v \sin 2\phi.$$

By placing the first derivative of each of these equal to zero it is found that,

$$s \text{ is a maximum when } \tan 2\phi = \frac{p}{2v},$$

$$t \text{ is a maximum when } \tan 2\phi = -\frac{2v}{p}.$$

Expressing $\sin 2\phi$ and $\cos 2\phi$ in terms of $\tan 2\phi$ and inserting them in the above the following values result:

$$(13) \qquad \begin{cases} \max. \ s = \pm \sqrt{v^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}p^2}, \\ \max. \ t = \tfrac{1}{2}p + \sqrt{v^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}p^2}. \end{cases}$$

These formulas apply to the discussion of the internal stresses in beams, as well as to combined longitudinal stress and vertical shear directly applied by external forces.   If p is tension t is

tension, if p is compression t is also compression. If when p is tension the negative sign be used before the radical, the resultant value of t is the maximum compressive unit-stress.

Prob. 127. A bolt $\frac{3}{4}$-inch in diameter is subjected to a tension of 2 000 pounds and at the same time to a cross shear of 3 000 pounds. Find the maximum tensile and shearing unit-stresses and the directions they make with the axis of the bolt.

ART. 76. COMBINED FLEXURE AND TORSION.

This case occurs when a shaft for the transmission of power is loaded with weights. Let S be the greatest flexural unit-stress computed from (4) and S_s the torsional shearing unit-stress computed from (12) or by the special equations of Arts. 67 and 68. Then, according to the last article, the resultant maximum unit-stresses are,

$$\text{max. ten. or comp. } t = \tfrac{1}{2}S + \sqrt{S_s^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}S^2}$$
$$\text{max. shear } \qquad s = \pm\ \sqrt{S_s^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}S^2}.$$

For wrought iron or steel it is usually necessary to regard only the first of these unit-stresses, but for timber the second should also be kept in view.

For example, let it be required to find the factor of safety of a wrought iron shaft 3 inches in diameter and 12 feet between bearings, which transmits 40 horse-power while making 120 revolutions per minute, and upon which a load of 800 pounds is brought by a belt and pulley at the middle. Taking the shaft as fixed over the bearings the flexural unit-stress is,

$$S = \frac{4Pl}{\pi d^3} = 5\ 400 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

From Art. 68 the torsional unit-stress is,

$$S_s = 321\ 000\ \frac{H}{nd^3} = 4\ 000 \text{ pounds per square inch.}$$

The maximum tensile and compressive unit-stress now is,

$$t = 2\,700 + \sqrt{4\,000^2 + 2\,700^2} = 7\,600 \text{ pounds per square in.}$$

and the factor of safety is hence over 7.

As a second example, let it be required to find the size of a square wooden shaft for a water-wheel weighing 3 000 pounds which transmits 8 horse-power while making 20 revolutions per minute. The length of the shaft is 16 feet, and one-third of the weight is concentrated at the center and the remainder is equally divided between two points, each 6 feet from the center. Here the greatest flexural unit-stress is,

$$S = \frac{6(1\,500 \times 96 - 1\,000 \times 72)}{d^3} = \frac{432\,000}{d^3},$$

and from Art. 69 the torsional unit-stress is,

$$S_s = \frac{267\,500 \times 8}{20d^3} = \frac{107\,000}{d^3}.$$

From the formula of the last Article the combined tensile or compressive unit-stress is,

$$t = \frac{470\,400}{d^3}.$$

Now if the working value of t be taken at 600 pounds per square inch the value of d will be about 9 inches. From formula (13) also

$$s = \frac{254\,400}{d^3},$$

and if the working value of s be taken at 150, the value of d is found to be about 12 inches. The latter value should hence be chosen for the size of the shaft.

By similar reasoning it may be proved that the formula for finding the diameter of a round iron shaft is,

$$d^3 = \frac{16M}{\pi t} + \frac{16}{t}\sqrt{\frac{M^2}{\pi^2} + \frac{402\,500\,000H^2}{n^2}},$$

where M is the maximum bending moment of the transverse forces in pound-inches, H the number of transmitted horse-power, n the number of revolutions per minute, and t the safe allowable tensile or compressive working strength of the material.

Prob. 128. Find the factor of safety for the data of Prob. 115 when the shaft is in bearings 12 feet apart and carries a load of 200 pounds at the middle.

ART. 77. COMBINED COMPRESSION AND TORSION.

In the case of a vertical shaft the torsional unit-stress S_s combines with the direct compressive stress due to the weights upon the shaft, and produces a resultant compression t and shear s. From formulas (13) the combined unit-stresses are,

$$t = \tfrac{1}{2}S_c + \sqrt{S_s^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}S_c^2},$$
$$s = \sqrt{S_s^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}S_c^2}.$$

The use of these is the same as those of the last Article, S_s being found from the formulas of Chapter VI, while S_c is computed from formula (1) if the length of the shaft be less than ten times its diameter and from (10) for greater lengths.

In order to prevent vibration and flexure it is usual to place bearings at frequent intervals on a vertical shaft so that probably the use of formula (10) will rarely be required, particularly if t be taken at a low value. For a round shaft the expression for t becomes,

$$t = \frac{4P}{\pi d^2} + \sqrt{321\,000^2\frac{H^2}{n^2 d^6} + \frac{16P^2}{\pi^2 d^4}},$$

in which P is the load. From this the diameter d may be found when t and the other data are given.

Prob. 129. A vertical shaft, weighing with its loads 6 000

pounds, is subjected to a twisting moment by a force of 300 pounds acting at a distance of 4 feet from its center. If the shaft is wrought iron, 4 feet long and 2 inches in diameter, find its factor of safety.

Prob. 130. Find the diameter of a short vertical steel shaft to carry loads amounting to 6 000 pounds when twisted by a force of 300 pounds acting at a distance of 4 feet from the center, taking the unit-stress against compression as 10 000 and against shearing as 7 000 pounds per square inch.

ART. 78.   HORIZONTAL SHEAR IN BEAMS.

The common theory of flexure as presented in Chapters III and IV considers that the internal stresses at any section are resolved into their horizontal and vertical components, the former producing longitudinal tension and compression and the latter a transverse shear, and that these act independently of each other. Formula (3) supposes further that the vertical shear is uniformly distributed over the cross-section of the beam. A closer analysis will show that a horizontal shear exists also and that this, together with the vertical shear, varies in intensity from the neutral surface to the upper and lower sides of the beam. It is well known that a pile of boards which acts like a beam deflects more than a solid timber of the same depth, and this is largely due to the lack of horizontal resistance between the layers. The common theory of flexure in neglecting the horizontal shear generally errs on the side of safety. In a few experiments however beams have been known to crack along the neutral surface and it is hence desirable to investigate the effect of horizontal shear in tending to cause rupture of that kind. That a horizontal shear exists simultaneously with the vertical shear is evident from the considerations in Art. 75.

Let Fig. 54 represent a portion of a bent beam of uniform

section. Let a rectangular notch $nmpq$ be imagined to be cut into it, and let forces be applied to it to preserve the equilibrium. Let H be the sum of all the horizontal components of
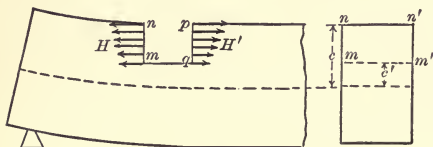

Fig. 54.

these forces acting on mn and H' the sum of those acting on qp. Now H' is greater or less than H, hence the difference $H' - H$ must act along mq as a horizontal shear. Let the distance mq be dx, the thickness mm' be b, and the area $mqmm'$ be at a distance c' above the neutral surface. Let c be the distance from that neutral surface to the remotest fiber where the unit-stress is S. Let a be the cross-section of any fiber. Let M be the bending moment at the section mn and M' that at the section qp. Now from the fundamental laws of flexure,

$\dfrac{S}{c} =$ unit-stress at a unit's distance from neutral surface,

$\dfrac{S}{c} y =$ unit-stress at distance y from neutral surface,

$\dfrac{aSy}{c} =$ total stress on fiber a at distance y,

$\dfrac{S}{c} \Sigma_{c'}^{c} ay =$ sum of horizontal stresses between m and n.

The value of H hence is, since $\dfrac{S}{c} = \dfrac{M}{I}$,

$$H = \frac{M}{I} \Sigma_{c'}^{c} ay,$$

and likewise for the other section,

$$H' = \frac{M'}{I} \Sigma_{c'}^{c} ay.$$

The horizontal shear therefore is expressed by

$$H' - H = \frac{M' - M}{I} \Sigma_{c'}^{c} ay.$$

Now since the distance mq is dx, the value of $M' - M$ is dM. Also if S_h be the horizontal shearing unit-stress upon the area bdx the value of $H' - H$ is $S_h bdx$. Hence,

$$S_h = \frac{dM}{Ibdx} \Sigma_{c'}^{c} ay.$$

Again from Art. 45 it is plain that $\dfrac{dM}{dx}$ is the vertical shear V at the section under consideration. Therefore,

$$(14) \qquad S_h = \frac{V}{Ib} \Sigma_{c'}^{c} ay,$$

is the formula for the horizontal shearing unit-stress at any point of any section of the beam.

This expression shows that the horizontal shearing unit-stress is greatest at the supports, and zero at the dangerous section where V is zero. The summation expression is the statical moment of the area $mm'nn'$ with reference to the neutral axis; it is zero when $y = c$, and a maximum when $y = o$. Hence the longitudinal unit-shear is zero at the upper and lower sides of the beam and is a maximum at the neutral surface. The formula for the maximum horizontal shearing unit-stress at any section therefore is,

$$S_s = \frac{V}{Ib} \Sigma_o^c ay.$$

Here I is the moment of inertia of the whole cross-section with reference to the neutral axis (Art. 23), b is the width of the beam along the neutral surface, and $\Sigma_o^c ay$ is the statical moment of the area of the part of the cross-section on one side of the neutral axis. Let A, be the area of the cross-section on

one side of the neutral axis and c_1 the distance of its center of gravity from that axis; then $\Sigma_o^c ay = A_1 c_1$, and the formula becomes,

$$(14)' \qquad S_s = \frac{VA_1 c_1}{Ib},$$

which gives the maximum shearing unit-stress, both horizontal and vertical, at the neutral surface.   The mean unit-stress given by (3) is always less than this maximum.

For a rectangular beam of breadth b and depth d, the value of I is $\dfrac{bd^3}{12}$, and $A_1 c_1 = \dfrac{bd}{2} \cdot \dfrac{d}{4} = \dfrac{bd^2}{8}$.   Then,

$$S_s = \frac{3V}{2bd}.$$

By inserting in this the value of V for any section the corresponding value of S_s at the neutral surface is found.   In this particular instance it is seen that the approximate formula (3) gives values of S_s which are 33 per cent lower than the true maximum value.

Prob. 131. In the Journal of the Franklin Institute for February, 1883, is detailed an experiment on a spruce joist $3\frac{7}{8} \times 12$ inches and 14 feet long, which broke by tension at the middle and afterwards by shearing along the neutral axis at the end when loaded at the middle with 12 545 pounds.   Find the tensile and shearing unit-stresses.

ART. 79.   MAXIMUM INTERNAL STRESSES IN BEAMS.

From the last Article it is evident that at every point of a beam there exists a horizontal unit-shear of the intensity S_h and also a vertical unit-shear of the same intensity, whose value is given by (14).   At every point there also exists a longitudinal tension or compression which may be computed from (4) with the aid of the principle that these stresses vary directly as their

distances from the neutral axis. Let v denote the unit-shear thus determined and p the tensile or compressive unit-stress. Then from Art. 75 the maximum unit-shear at that point is,

$$s = \sqrt{v^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}p^2},$$

and it makes an angle ϕ with the neutral surface such that,

$$\tan 2\phi = \frac{p}{2v}.$$

Also the maximum tensile or compressive unit-stress at that point is,

$$t = \tfrac{1}{2}p + \sqrt{v^2 + \tfrac{1}{4}p^2},$$

and it makes an angle θ with the neutral surface such that,

$$\tan 2\theta = -\frac{2v}{p}.$$

From these formulas the lines of direction of the maximum stresses may be traced throughout the beam.

For the maximum shear v is greatest and p is zero at the neutral surface, while v is zero and p is greatest at the upper and lower surfaces. Hence for the neutral surface ϕ is 0, it increases with p, and becomes 45° at the upper and lower surfaces.

For the maximum tension t is greatest and equal to p on the convex side where $v = 0$ and $\theta = 0$. As the neutral surface is approached v increases, p decreases, and θ increases. At the neutral surface v is greatest, p is zero, and $\theta = -45°$. Here the maximum tension and compression are each equal to v.

For the maximum compression in like manner θ is 0° at the concave surface and 45° at the neutral surface. The lines of maximum tension if produced beyond the neutral surface would evidently cut those of maximum compression at right angles and be vertical at the concave surface.

The following figure is an attempt to represent the lines which indicate the directions of the maximum· unit-stress in a
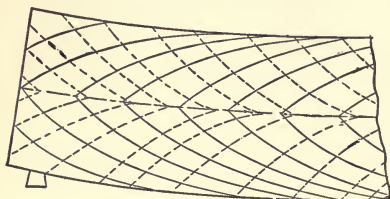

beam. The full lines above the neutral surface are those of maximum compression, while those below are maximum tension. The broken lines are those of maximum shear. On any line the intensity of stress varies with the inclination, being greatest where the line is horizontal and least where its inclination is 45°. The lines of maximum shear cut those of maximum tension and compression at angles of 45°. The lines of maximum tension above the neutral surface and those of maximum compression below it are not shown; if drawn they would cut the others at right angles and become vertical at the upper and lower edges of the beam.

Fig. 55.

It appears from the investigation that the common theory of flexure gives the horizontal unit-stress correctly at the dangerous section of a simple beam where the vertical shear is zero. At other sections the stress S as computed from (4) is correct for the remotest fiber, but for other fibers the unit-stress t is greater. It is hence seen that the main practical value of the theory of internal stress is in showing that the intensity of the shear varies throughout the cross-section of the beam. For a restrained beam, where the vertical shear suddenly changes sign at the dangerous section, the common theory gives the horizontal stress S correctly for the remotest fiber only, and it might be possible in some forms of cross-sections for the maximum stress t to be slightly greater than S for a fiber nearer to the neutral surface. All that has here been deduced

justifies the validity of the common theory of flexure as a correct guide in the practical design and investigation of beams.

Prob. 132. A joist fixed at both ends is 3 × 12 inches and 12 feet long, and is strained by a load at the middle, so that the value of S as computed from (4) is 4 000 pounds per square inch. Find the value of t for points over the support distant 3, 4, and 5 inches from the neutral surface.

Prob. 133. Show, for a point between the neutral surface and the convex side, that there exists a maximum compression as well as a maximum tension. Deduce an expression for the value of this maximum compression and its direction. Draw a figure showing the curves over the entire beam for both these stresses.

CHAPTER VIII.

APPENDIX AND TABLES.

Art. 80. Sudden Loads and Shocks.

When a tensile load is gradually applied to a bar its intensity increases slowly from o up to the final value P, and the stress in the bar at any instant is equal to the tensile force existing at that instant; the elongation of the bar increases proportionally to the stress from o up to the final limit λ, if the elastic limit is not exceeded. The work done upon the bar by the external force is then equal to its mean intensity $\frac{1}{2}P$ multiplied by the distance λ, or $\frac{1}{2}P\lambda$; the work of the molecular forces is also equal to this same quantity $\frac{1}{2}P\lambda$.

A load P is said to be suddenly applied when its intensity is the same from the beginning to the end of the elongation. The stress in the bar, however, increases from o up to a limit Q. Let y be the elongation produced by the sudden load P; then the work of this external force is Py. If the stresses are within the elastic limit so that they increase proportionally to the elongation, the mean stress is $\frac{1}{2}Q$ and the work of the resisting forces is $\frac{1}{2}Qy$. Hence, as these two works must be equal,

$$\tfrac{1}{2}Qy = Py \qquad \text{or} \qquad Q = 2P.$$

Now let λ be the elongation due to the load P when gradually applied, then by law (B),

$$\frac{y}{\lambda} = \frac{Q}{P} \qquad \text{or} \qquad y = 2\lambda.$$

Therefore is established the following important theoretical law,

> A suddenly applied load produces double the stress and double the deformation caused by the same load when gradually applied.

This law is only true when all the stresses are within the elastic limit of the material.   The sudden load P thus causes the end of the bar to move from o to 2λ, when the stress becomes $2P$ the resultant force tending to move the end is $P - 2P$ or $- P$ and hence the end moves backward, until after a series of oscillations it comes to rest with the elongation λ due to the static stress P.   The time of this oscillation, as also the velocity of the end of the bar at any instant, can be computed by the principles of dynamics.

A shock is said to be produced upon the end of a bar when a load P falls from a height h upon it.   Here the stress in the bar will increase from o up to a certain limit Q and the deformation from o up to a certain limit y.   If the elastic limit of the material be not exceeded, the stress at any instant will be proportional to the deformation, so that the work of the internal stresses will be $\frac{1}{2}Qy$.   The work done by the exterior force P in the same time is $P(h + y)$.   Hence

$$\frac{1}{2}Qy = P(h + y).$$

But if λ be the deformation due to a static load P, the law of proportionality gives

$$\frac{Q}{P} = \frac{y}{\lambda}.$$

Combining these two equations there is found,

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} Q &= P\left(1 + \sqrt{2\frac{h}{\lambda} + 1}\right), \\ y &= \lambda\left(1 + \sqrt{2\frac{h}{\lambda} + 1}\right). \end{aligned}$$

If $h = 0$ these formulas reduce to $Q = 2P$ and $y = 2\lambda$, which is the case of a suddenly applied load; if $h = 4y$, they become $Q = 4P$ and $y = 4\lambda$; if $h = 12\lambda$ they give $Q = 6P$ and $y = 6\lambda$. Since λ is a small quantity for any metallic bar, it follows that a load P dropping from a moderate height may produce great

stresses and deformations. Experiments made upon springs show that the theory here presented is correct, provided the elastic limit of the material is not surpassed by the stress Q.

The effect of loads applied with shock is therefore to cause stresses and deformations greatly exceeding those produced by the same static loads, so that the elastic limit may perhaps be often exceeded. Moreover the rapid oscillations and the rapid variations in the stresses cause a change in molecular structure which impairs the elasticity of the material. Generally it will be found that the appearance of a fracture of a bar which has been subject to shocks is of a crystalline nature, whereas the same material, if ruptured under a gradually increasing stress, would exhibit a tough fibrous structure. Shocks which produce stresses above the elastic limit cause the material to become stiff and brittle, and hence it is that the working unit-stresses based upon static loads should be taken very low (Art. 8).

Prob. 134. In an experiment upon a spring a weight of 14.79 ounces produced an elongation of 0.42 inches, but when dropped from a height of 7.72 inches it produced a stress of 102.3 ounces and an elongation of 2.90 inches. Compare theory with experiment.

ART. 81. THE RESILIENCE OF MATERIALS.

When an applied stress causes a deformation work is done. Thus if a tensile stress P be applied by increments to a bar, so that the stress gradually increases from o to the value P, the work done is the product of the average stress by the total elongation λ. This product is termed the resilience of the bar. If the stress does not exceed the elastic limit of the material the average stress is $\frac{1}{2}P$, and the work or resilience is $\frac{1}{2}P\lambda$. If the cross-section of the bar be A and its length l, the unit-stress is $\frac{P}{A}$ or S, and the unit-strain is $\frac{\lambda}{l}$ or s, so that the work done

on each unit of length of the bar per unit of cross-section is $\frac{1}{2}Ss$. From formula (2) the value of s is $\frac{S}{E}$, and accordingly this work may be written,

$$(16) \qquad\qquad K = \frac{1}{2}\frac{S^2}{E}.$$

If S be the unit-stress at the elastic limit, the quantity K is called the modulus of resilience of the material.

Resilience is often regarded as a measure of the capacity of a material to withstand shock, for if a shock or sudden stress be produced by a falling body, its intensity depends upon the weight and the height through which it has fallen, that is, upon its kinetic energy or work. Hence the higher the resilience of a material the greater is its capacity to endure work that may be performed upon it. The modulus of resilience is a measure of this capacity within the elastic limit only.

The following are values of the modulus of resilience as computed from (16) by the use of the average constants given in Art. 5.

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For timber, $K = $ 3.0 inch-pounds,
For cast iron, $K = $ 1.2 inch-pounds,
For wrought iron, $K = $ 12.5 inch-pounds,
For steel, $K = $ 41.7 inch-pounds.

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The ultimate resilience of materials cannot be expressed by a rational formula, because the law of increase of elongation beyond the elastic limit is unknown. In Fig. 1 the ultimate resilience is indicated by the area between any curve and the axis of abscissas, since that area has the same value as the total work performed in producing rupture. For timber and cast iron the ratio of these areas is about the same as that of the values of K, but for wrought iron and steel the areas are nearly equal.

Prob. 135. What horse-power engine is required to strain 125

times per minute a bar of wrought iron 2 inches in diameter
and 18 feet long, from 0 up to one-half its elastic limit?

Art. 82. The Fatigue of Materials.

The ultimate strength S_u is usually understood to be that
steady unit-stress which causes rupture at one application.
Experience and experiments, however, teach that if a unit-
stress somewhat less than S_u be applied a sufficient number of
times to a bar rupture will be caused.   The experiments of
Wöhler have been of great value in establishing the laws
which govern the rupture of metals under repeated applica-
tions of stress.   For instance, he found that the rupture of a
bar of wrought iron by tension was caused in the following
different ways.

By   800 applications of 52 800 pounds per square inch.
By   107 000 applications of 48 400 pounds per square inch.
By   450 000 applications of 39 000 pounds per square inch.
By 10 140 000 applications of 35 000 pounds per square inch.

The range of stress in each of these applications was from 0 to
the designated number of pounds per square inch.   Here it is
seen that the breaking stress decreases as the number of appli-
cations increase.   In other experiments where the initial stress
was not 0, but a permanent value S, the same law was seen to
hold good.   It was further observed that a bar could be strained
from 0 up to a stress near its elastic limit an enormous number
of times without rupture.   From a discussion of these numer-
ous experiments the following laws may be stated.

1. By repeated applications of stress rupture may be caused
   by a unit-stress less in value than the ultimate strength
   of the material.
2. The greater the range of stress the less is the unit-stress
   required to produce rupture after an enormous number
   of applications.
3. When the stress ranges from 0 up to a value about equal

to the elastic limit the number of applications required
to rupture it is enormous.

4. A range of stress from tension into compression, or *vice
versa*, produces rupture with a less number of applica-
tions than the same range in stress of one kind only.

5. When the range of stress in tension is equal to that in
compression the stress which will produce rupture after
an enormous number of applications is a little greater
than one-half the elastic limit.

The term 'enormous number' used in stating these laws
means about 40 millions, that being roughly the number used
by WÖHLER to cause rupture under the conditions stated.
For all practical cases of repeated stress, except in fast moving
machinery, this great number would seldom be exceeded during
the natural life of the piece.

In Art. 8 it was recognized that the working strength should
be less for pieces subject to varying stresses than for those car-
rying steady loads only. For many years indeed it has been
the practice of designers to grade the working strength accord-
ing to the range of stresses to which it might be liable to be
subjected. WÖHLER'S laws and experiments afford however a
means of grading these values in a more satisfactory manner
than mere judgment can do, and formulas for that purpose will
be deduced in the next Article. After the working strength
S_w is determined the cross-section of the piece is found in the
usual way, if in tension by formula (1), and if in compression
by formula (1) or (10) as the case may require.

Prob. 136. How many years will probably be required for a
tie bar in a bridge truss to receive 40 million repetitions of
stress?

ART. 83. WORKING STRENGTHS FOR REPEATED STRESSES

Consider a bar in which the unit-stress varies from S' to S,
the latter being the greater numerically. Both S' and S may

be tension or both may be compression, or one may be tension
and the other compression. In the last case the sign of S' is
to be taken as minus. Consider the stress to be repeated an
enormous number of times and rupture to then occur. By the
second law above stated S is some function of the range of
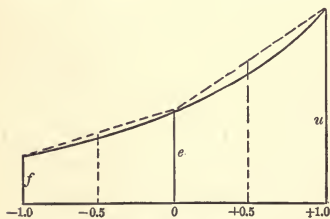stres,s or,

$$S = \psi(S - S').$$

This may be expressed in another way, thus,

$$S = \phi\left(1 - \frac{S'}{S}\right),$$

or, in words, the rupturing stress S after an enormous number
of repetitions is a function of the ratio of the limiting stresses.

Let u be the ultimate strength of the material, tensile if S is
tension and compressive if S is compression. Let e be the
unit-stress at the elastic limit, and f the unit-stress which pro-
duces rupture after an enormous number of repetitions when
the range of stress in tension is equal to that in compression.
It is required to find the value of S in terms of u, e, f, and the
ratio $\dfrac{S'}{S}$. For this purpose let the values of the ratio be re-
garded as abscissas and those of S as ordinates, the former

Fig. 56.

ranging from $+1$ to -1 as
seen in the figure. Now if
this ratio is $+1$ there is no
range of stress and $S = u$
as in cases of steady load.
Again when the ratio is o
the third law gives $S = e$;
and lastly when the ratio
is -1 the fifth law gives

$S = f$. The most rational assumption as to the law of variation
of S is that it represented by some curve passing through the

three points determined by the ordinates u, e, and f. The simplest curve is a parabola, whose equation is,

$$S = me + n\frac{S'}{S} + p\left(\frac{S'}{S}\right)^2$$

in which m, n, and p are quantities to be determined from the conditions just stated, and doing this there results

$$(17) \qquad S = e + \frac{u-f}{2} \cdot \frac{S'}{S} + \frac{u+f-2e}{2}\left(\frac{S'}{S}\right)^2.$$

This formula is not to be regarded as the true law of rupturing strength under repeated stresses, but merely as an empirical statement which agrees with the limiting values determined by experiment, and which will give approximately intermediate values.

The formulas most frequently used for determining the unit-stress which will cause rupture under repeated loads are those of LAUNHARDT and WEYRAUCH, that of the former being applicable when the limiting stresses S' and S are both tension or both compression, and that of the latter when one limiting stress is tension and the other compression. LAUNHARDT supposes that S varies uniformly between the ordinates u and e so that its equation is that of a straight line, or

$$S = e + (u - e)\frac{S'}{S}$$

and the graphical representation is that of the straight line in the right hand part of Fig. 56. It is seen that formula (17) gives values of S slightly less than those from LAUNHARDT's, except for the ratios o and 1 when they agree.

The formula of WEYRAUCH applies to the case where the range of stress is from tension into compression or *vice versa*, and it also supposes the law of variation to be that of a straight line between the limiting ordinates given by experiment, or

$$S = e - (e - f)\frac{S'}{S},$$

in which the numerical value of the ratio $S' : S$ is to be taken as positive. This equation is represented by the straight line in the left hand part of Fig. 56. Here also formula (17) gives less values for S than those obtained by WEYRAUCH'S formula.

In designing a bar which is to be subject to an enormous number of repetitions of stress, ranging from P' to P, the ratio $\dfrac{P'}{P}$ is the same as $\dfrac{S'}{S}$, and formula (17) gives the unit-stress S which will cause rupture after an enormous number of repetitions. To be sure of safety a factor of security must be applied; then the working unit-stress is found by dividing S by this factor, which is here usually taken the same as the factor of safety for a steady load where there is no range of stress. For example, consider a kind of wrought iron for which $u = 52\,000$, $e = 26\,000$, and $f = 13\,000$ pounds per square inch, and let the factor of security be 4. Then formula (17) becomes,

$$S_w = 6\,500 \left(1 + \frac{3}{4}\frac{S'}{S} + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{S'}{S}\right)^2 \right),$$

from which the allowable value of the working unit-stress can be computed for assigned values of the ratio $S' : S$.

For example, let it be required to find the proper cross-section of a wrought iron bar which is to be subjected to a repeated tension ranging from 30 000 pounds under dead load to 90 000 pounds under full live load. Here

$$\frac{S'}{S} = \frac{P'}{P} = \frac{30\,000}{90\,000} = \frac{1}{3},$$

and from the formula just deduced,

$$S_w = 6\,500(1 + \tfrac{3}{4}\cdot\tfrac{1}{3} + \tfrac{1}{4}\cdot\tfrac{1}{9}) = 8\,300.$$

Then the cross-section of the bar is,

$$A = \frac{90\,000}{8\,300} = 10.9 \text{ square inches.}$$

But if the bar is to be subjected to repeated stress varying from 30 000 pounds compression to 90 000 pounds tension, then

$$\frac{S'}{S} = \frac{-30\,000}{+90\,000} = -\frac{1}{3},$$

and from the special formula,

$$S_\equiv = 6\,500(1 - \tfrac{3}{4}\cdot\tfrac{1}{3} + \tfrac{1}{4}\cdot\tfrac{1}{3}) = 5\,050,$$

so that the cross-section of the bar should be,

$$A = \frac{90\,000}{5\,050} = 17.8 \text{ square inches,}$$

which is 63 per cent larger than required for the smaller range.

The quantity f which is the unit-stress required to produce rupture after an enormous number of repetitions in alternating stress of equal amplitudes, is called the 'vibration strength' by some writers. Its value for wrought iron is about one-half and for steel a little greater than one-half the elastic limit. For other materials there is as yet no experimental knowledge regarding its value.

Prob. 137. A steel bar one inch in diameter is subject to repeated stress ranging between 15 000 pounds tension and 40 000 pounds tension. Will it break after an enormous number of repetitions?

Prob. 138. Show that, according to the above investigation, the working unit-stress for wrought iron bars subject to repeated applications of equal tension and compression should be about one-fourth of that for a steady stress.

ART. 84. THE INTERNAL WORK IN BEAMS.

When a beam deflects under the action of a load, the horizontal fibers upon one side of the neutral surface are elongated and upon the other are compressed. The internal work done will be found by taking the sum of the products formed by

multiplying the stress upon any elementary area by its elongation or compression.

Using the same notation as in Chapter III., the horizontal unit-stress at any distance z from the neutral axis is represented by $\frac{Sz}{c}$. In the distance dx the elongation or compression due to this unit-stress, is by (2) found to be $\frac{Sz\,dx}{cE}$. The elementary work of a fiber of the area a under this gradually applied unit-stress hence is,

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{Saz}{c} \cdot \frac{Szdx}{cE}.$$

The work done in the distance dx by all the fibers in the cross-section now is,

$$dK = \frac{S^2 \Sigma az^2}{2c^2 E} dx.$$

Here $\Sigma az^2 = I$ and from formula (4), the value of $\frac{S}{c^2}$ is $\frac{M^2}{I^2}$

Therefore

$$dK = \frac{M^2 dx}{2EI}.$$

This is the formula for the work done in the distance dx. By expressing M as a function of x, and integrating, the total internal work K between assigned limits can be found.

For example, consider a cantilever beam loaded at the end with a weight P. Here $M = -Px$. Inserting this and integrating between the limits o and l, gives,

$$K = \frac{P^2 l^3}{6EI},$$

for the total internal work in the beam due to a load which is gradually applied.

The preceding furnishes a new method of deducing the deflection of a beam loaded with a single weight P. Let Δ be the deflection under the weight. Then $\frac{1}{2}P\Delta$ is the external work done by the load P upon the beam, and this must equal the internal work K. Hence the formula,

$$(18) \qquad P\Delta = \int \frac{M^2 dx}{EI},$$

from which Δ may be found for particular cases.

For example, consider a cantilever beam loaded at the end with P. Then the internal work is, as shown above, $\frac{P^2 l^3}{6EI}$. Hence the deflection Δ is,

$$\Delta = \frac{Pl^3}{3EI},$$

which is the same as otherwise found in Art. 34.

For a simple beam loaded at the middle the value of M is $\frac{Px}{2}$ and (18) becomes,

$$P\Delta = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}l} \frac{P^2 x^2 dx}{4EI} = \frac{P^2 l^3}{48EI},$$

from which the deflection is,

$$\Delta = \frac{Pl^3}{48EI},$$

which is the same as found in Art. 35 by the use of the elastic curve.

Prob. 139. Prove that the internal work caused by a uniformly distributed load on a cantilever beam is $\frac{3}{20}$ths of that caused by the same load applied at the end.

Prob. 140. Deduce by the method of Art. 35, and also by the use of the principle of internal work, the deflection under a load P which is placed upon a simple beam at a distance $\frac{1}{4}l$ from one end.

ART. 85. ANSWERS TO PROBLEMS.

Below will be found the answers to about nine-tenths of the problems stated in the preceding pages, the number of the problem being in parenthesis and the answer immediately following. It has been thought well that some answers should be omitted in order that the student may struggle with them to ascertain the truth, according to his best knowledge of the subject, rather than to make his numerical results agree with given figures. However satisfactory it may be to the student to know the result of an exercise he is to solve, let him remember that after commencement day the answers to problems will never be given.

The unit-stresses to be employed in solutions will be, unless otherwise stated in the problem, uniformly taken from the tables given in the text and in Art. 86. Considering the great variation in these data it has not been thought best to carry the numerical answers to more than three significant figures, but in making the solution four significant figures should be retained through the work in order that the third may be correct in the final result.

Chapter I. (1) 7.2, 7.06, and 86.4 square inches. (2) 173, 34.7, and 4 320 pounds. (3) 55 000 pounds per square inch. (4) 70 000 pounds. (5) 165 000 pounds. (6) 0.15 inches. (7) 25 000 000 pounds per square inch. (8) 0.004 inches. (9) About $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. (11) 2 880 and 5 400 feet. (12) 0.00153 inches. (13) 52 900 pounds per square inch. (14) 849 pounds per square inch. (15) About $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter. (16) 9 for AB and 23 for BC.

Chapter II. (17) 0.88 inches if $f = 15$. (18) 1 170 pounds per square inch. (19) 2 500 pounds per square inch. (20) 1 620 pounds per square inch. (22) $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. (23) 57 per cent; $f = 7.7$. (24) 3.28 inches; about 0.73. (25) 0.0032 inches.

Chapter III. (27) $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches. (29) 998 and 742 pounds. (30) $+$ 800, $+$ 160, and $-$ 180 at 1, 3, and 5 feet from left end. (31) $-$ 10, $-$ 40, $-$ 90, $-$ 40, $-$ 10 pound-feet. (33) $Y = 140$ and $X = 242$ pounds. (34) 2 700 pounds. (35) $X = -Z = 375$ pounds. (36) About 27. (37) 4.20 inches. (38) $c = 1.714$ inches, $I = 7.39$ inches^4. (39) $\frac{1}{6}bd^3$ and $\frac{1}{12}bd^3$. (41) At 5.37 feet from left end ; $M = 689$ pound-feet. (42) No. (43) The bar will break. (44) 294 pounds per linear foot. (45) About 6 000 pounds. (47) 8.87 inches. (48) 0.0178 inches. (49) About 615 pounds. (51) Ultimate strengths about as 4 to 1, while working strengths for a steady load are about as 1.8 to 1. (52) 3.7 and 1.8. (53) 7 feet, 8 inches. (54) The beam will break. (56) $S = 5\,560$ and $S' = 3\,410$ pounds per square inch. (57) 209 inches, 418 inches, and ∞. (58) 0.622 inches. (59) 14 500 000 pounds per square inch. (62) As 8 to 3 ; as 64 to 9. (63) $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches. (64) 0.243 inches. (65) $x = 6\,000\,\dfrac{bd^2}{P}$ for the first case ; the shear at supports is independent of x. (68) 0.72 inches.

Chapter IV. (69) The diagrams should always be drawn on cross-section paper. (70) 4 and $3\frac{1}{2}$. (72) $k = 0.366$, and $k = 0.577$. (73) $l = 2.828\,m$. (74) $S = 829$ pounds per square inch. (76) A heavy 15-inch beam; a light 15-inch beam. (78) 0.0269 inches. (80) $R_1 = R_4 = \frac{4}{10}wl$; $R_2 = R_3 = \frac{11}{10}wl$. (81) $-0° 25' 47''$. (83) $\dfrac{I}{c} = 7.2$ which requires the light 6-inch beam. (84) $-\frac{1}{20}wl$. (86) $n = 0.6095$.

Chapter V. (88) 9.15 inches. (89) 2 inches. (90) 205 000 pounds. (92) 69.7 tons. (93) 5.05 inches. (94) $S_c = 40\,900$, $k = \frac{1}{8880}$. (96) $r = 0.84$ inches. (97) $1\frac{3}{8}$. (98) 2.35 and 24. (99) 250 000 pounds. (101) $13\frac{1}{2}$ and $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches square. (104) Draw Fig. 48 so as to make $bq = 0$; then state equation of moments and reduce it by the relation between the similar triangles.

Chapter VI. (106) 30 pounds. (107) 105 degrees. (108) 720, 270, and 290 pound-inches. (109) 1 876 pounds per square inch. (110) $J = 0.0361d^4$ and $c = 0.577d$. (111) $J = 26.5$ and $c = 3.41$. (112) 1 680 pounds. (113) 9 380 000 pounds per square inch. (114) 64 horse-power. (115) 9.7. (116) 2.65 and 3.58 inches. (117) 32 and 8. (119) As $\sqrt{2\pi}$ to 3. (120) 5 140 and 8 560 pounds per square inch.

Chapter VII. (122) 3 720 pounds per square inch. (123) 4 690 pounds per square inch. (124) The light 9-inch beam. (125) Nearly 8 inches. (126) 9 inches. (127) $t = 9\,420$, $\phi = 54°\ 20'$; $S = 7\,160$, $\phi = 9°\ 20'$. (129) 5.4. (130) $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. (131) $S = 5\,660$ and $S_s = 202$ pounds per square inch. (132) At 3 inches from neutral surface $S = 2\,000$, $S_h = 250$, and $t = 2\,030$ pounds per square inch.

ART. 86.   TABLES OF CONSTANTS.

The following tables recapitulate the mean values of the constants of the strength of materials which have been given in the preceding pages. It is here again repeated that these values are subject to wide variations dependent on the kind and quality of the material, and for many other reasons. Timber, for instance, varies in strength according to the climate where grown, the soil, the age of the tree, the season of the year when cut, the method and duration of the process of seasoning, the part of the tree used, the knots and wind shakes, the form and size of the test specimen, and the direction of its fibers, so that it is a difficult matter to state definite numerical values concerning its elasticity and strength. The quality of the material causes a yet wider variation, so wide in fact that in some cases testing machines alone could scarcely distinguish between wrought iron and steel; for while the higher grades of steel have much greater strength than the tables give, the mild structural and merchant steels may have values almost as low

as the average constants for wrought iron.   In general, therefore, the following values should not be used in actual cases of investigation and design except for approximate computations.

Detailed tables giving the results of experiments upon numerous kinds and qualities of materials may be found in the following books.

WOOD'S Resistance of Materials; New York, 1880.
THURSTON'S Materials of Engineering; New York, 1884.
TRAUTWINE'S Engineers' Pocket Book; New York, 1885.
LANZA'S Applied Mechanics; New York, 1885.
UNWIN'S Testing of Materials; London, 1888.
BURR'S Elasticity and Strength of Materials; New York, 1888.

TABLE I.

Material.	Mean Weight.		Coefficient of Linear Expansion.	
	Pounds per cubic foot.	Kilograms per cubic meter.	For 1° Fah.	For 1° Cent.
Timber,	40	600	0.0000020	0.0000036
Brick,	125	2 000	0.0000050	0.0000090
Stone,	160	2 560	0.0000050	0.0000090
Cast Iron,	450	7 200	0.0000062	0.0000112
Wrought Iron,	480	7 700	0.0000067	0.0000121
Steel,	490	7 800	0.0000065	0.0000117

TABLE II.

Material.	Elastic Limit.		Coefficient of Elasticity.	
	Pounds per square inch.	Kilograms per square centimeter.	Pounds per square inch.	Kilograms per square centimeter.
Timber,	3 000	210	1 500 000	105 000
Cast Iron,	6 000	420	15 000 000	1 050 000
Wrought Iron,	25 000	1 750	25 000 000	1 750 000
Steel,	50 000	3 500	30 000 000	2 100 000

TABLE III.

Material.	Ultimate Tensile Strength.		Ultimate Compressive Strength.	
	Pounds per square inch.	Kilograms per square centimeter.	Pounds per square inch.	Kilograms per square centimeter.
Timber,	10 000	700	8 000	560
Brick,	200	14	2 500	175
Stone,			6 000	420
Cast Iron,	20 000	1 400	90 000	6 300
Wrought Iron,	55 000	3 850	55 000	3 850
Steel, .	100 000	7 000	150 000	10 500

TABLE IV.

Material.	Ultimate Shearing Strength.		Modulus of Rupture.	
	Pounds per square inch.	Kilograms per square centimeter.	Pounds per square inch.	Kilograms per square centimeter.
Timber,	{ 600 } { 3 000 }	{ 42 } { 210 }	9 000	630
Stone,			2 000	140
Cast Iron,	20 000	1 400	35 000	2 450
Wrought Iron,	50 000	3 500	55 000	3 850
Steel,	70 000	4 900	120 000	8 400